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HISTORY

OF THE

TOWN OF WILTON,

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE,

WITH A

GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

BY

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AND

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"And it shall be said, this and that man was born in her."—*Psalm lxxxvii: 5.*

"The township of New England possesses two advantages which strongly excite the interest of mankind: namely, independence and authority."—*De Tocqueville.*

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PREFACE.

We offer to the good people of Wilton, and to those of Wilton origin elsewhere, the following summary of its history. It has been a work of love and patriotic interest, not of pecuniary profit. To collect the widely scattered materials and weave them into a consistent order and completeness, has been a long and perplexing labor, little understood or appreciated except by those engaged in a similar task. The unexpected delay in the publication of the book beyond the time previously announced, has been due to causes out of our control.

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During the year 1889 a century and a half will have passed since the territory now known by the name of Wilton was first settled by our forefathers. Let us hope that this important anniversary in our history will not be suffered to go by without such a celebration as befits its interest to every class of our citizens.

A. A. LIVERMORE,
SEWALL PUTNAM.

September 1, 1888.

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THE HISTORY OF WILTON.

CHAPTER I.

THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE TOWN, ITS GEOLOGY, STREAMS, HILLS, TERRITORIAL LIMITS, SCENERY AND CLIMATE.

The town of Wilton is situated in the southwest part of the county of Hillsborough, state of New Hampshire, in latitude 42° 50′ north, and in longitude 5° 8′ east from Washington, D. C. The town was surveyed into ten ranges of twenty lots each, making two hundred lots. Had the survey been perfectly accurate, that is, the ranges one hundred and sixty rods wide, and the lots eighty rods long, the town would contain sixteen thousand acres, equal to twenty-five square miles. But streams and irregularities of surface give opportunity for some variations, though small, from an absolute standard.

When the Masonian proprietors made their grants, one hundred and thirty-five lots were drawn to the grantees, fifty-four lots to the grantors, and eleven lots to public uses, *viz.:* two for mills, three for the first minister, three for a ministerial fund, and three for schools; in all, two hundred lots of eighty acres each. But August 26, 1768, a range of lots, half a mile wide, was set off to the adjoining town of Temple, on the west, leaving Wilton an oblong parallelogram, seventeen hundred rods long from north to south, and fifteen hundred rods wide from east to west.

Wilton lies eighteen miles from Nashua, forty from Concord, thirty from Keene, and fifty-eight from Boston, Massachusetts. It is bounded on the north by Lyndeborough, on the east by Lyndeborough and Milford, on the south by Mason and Greenville, and on the west by Temple.

Its geological formation is chiefly granite, gneiss, schist, sienite, and quartz, making a very uneven surface and hard but strong soil, well adapted to grass and grain and the more hardy fruits; rising into lofty hills, which crop out with extensive ledges, and sinking into deep valleys, the beds of whose streams are filled with boulders, large and small.

There are but few plains, or patches of sandy ground. The original forest growth was very thick and heavy, and indicated generally a deep, rich soil. The most valuable mineral products are clay, suitable for making brick, and beds or large boulders of granite, capable of being worked for building materials.

Only a small portion of the town is covered by water, and there are no waste lands. There are no lakes or ponds, except artificial ones to create water power.

THE SOUHEGAN AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

The principal stream of the town deserves some notice. Souhegan is an Indian name, from *susheke*, signifying a plain, and means, therefore, "River of the Plains." Another derivation is from the Indian word *souhegenoe*, meaning crooked. Its southern branch starts from the reservoir in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and passes through Ward and Watatic Ponds in Ashby, till it meets its northern branch, flowing from Pratt Pond and other sources in the west part of New Ipswich, when it takes the dignity of a river, passes through Greenville, receiving various small tributaries from Temple and Wilton, till it reaches the Intervale, so called, where it is joined by Gambol Brook, a considerable stream that rises in Temple and unites two branches at West Wilton, Blood's Brook and south branch. At East Wilton the Souhegan receives a new accession from the north, called Stony Brook, and then flowing through Milford and Amherst enters the Merrimack River in the town of Merrimack. Its whole length is about thirty miles, and Mr. Ephraim Brown computes its descent in Wilton alone at two hundred and sixty-two feet from where it enters the town from Greenville and leaves it at Milford. Its water power, therefore, is very great, and is put to use at various points, but is capable of much greater application to manufacturing purposes. Its liability to violent freshets, however, especially when the ice breaks up in the spring, makes it difficult to control it with dams and mills. These have often been swept away by floods. It is a tradition that in early times alewives, shad and salmon penetrated as high up the river as Greenville.

The Souhegan enters the town from the south from Greenville about eighty to one hundred rods east of the southwest corner of Wilton, and flows in a general northeasterly direction till it enters Milford, but it has a very winding channel with high hills on each side.

Indian foot-paths were found along its banks by the early settlers or explorers.

It has been conjectured that three considerable lakes occupied the Souhegan valley: the lower one from the bridge at French Village to the Haselton place; the second from there to the Eaton ridge; the third and largest above the Eaton ridge towards Greenville.

HILLS AND FALLS.

The bold sand-hill bluffs at various points, especially along the Souhegan and Gambol valleys, indicate the places where the great eddies of the main current left their deposits when immense streams filled these channels to their brim, after the glacial period in the history of the earth gave way to a warmer temperature.

Owing to the granite formation there are no actually perpendicular falls or cascades in town, as in limestone formations, but in several instances there are rapids of considerable height and interest, as Barnes's Falls, on a branch of Stony Brook. Pot holes and basins, worn in the ledges, are found at such rapids.

While there are no mountains proper in Wilton, there are many high hills, commanding wide prospects, and separated by deep valleys. Such are Abbot Hill, in the southeast part of the town, a long, broad elevation, sloping up gradually from the bed of the Souhegan; Kimball's Hill and Mansur's Hill, on the southwest, the highest elevations in town; Russell's or Lone-Tree Hill; Beede's Hill, near the centre; Flint's Hill, in the northwest; Bales's Hill, in the northeast part of the town. All are high eminences, commanding a complete view of the basin which centres in the town, formed by the Temple, New Ipswich and Lyndeborough Mountains, called the Pack, or Petit Monadnock.

CLIMATE.

The climate of Wilton is the climate of New England on its northern hills and mountains—a long, severe winter, usually with high winds and deep drifting snows, a short and checkered spring, a hot and luxuriant summer, and a brilliant autumn with the foliage

turned to brown, crimson and gold. Its climate is one of extremes of heat and cold, but vivid and picturesque, with the drifting snows of winter, the green herbage and foliage of summer, and the gorgeous hues of autumn, and is stimulating to body and mind. In the early history of the town autumn and spring were more nearly merged into winter and summer. The snows fell into deep forests, where they lay comparatively uninfluenced by sun or wind until a late spring when the sun was high. Then overflowing freshets rushed down the hills and mountains, and filled the valleys, sweeping everything before them, and summer suddenly burst upon the land.

Then, too, the transition from summer to winter was not less rapid, and not seldom the fruits of field and orchard were surprised by sudden frosts and snows. But since the heavy forests have been largely cut down, or have been succeeded only by slight second growths of young trees, and the surface has been more exposed to the direct sun and wind, the seasons have become more changeable and fluctuating, and rapid extremes of cold and heat succeed one another. The cutting down of the dense forests has dried up the smaller brooks and meadows, causing severe droughts, and opening the way for the more rapid descent of the rains and melted snows into the water courses, and sudden and more injurious floods, as in the disastrous freshet of October, 1869.

But if we take all the features of the climate into consideration, we shall come to the conclusion that it is fitted to develop a hardy, vigorous and long-lived race of people, with great activity and endurance of body and mind. Of late years, too, a marked social change has come, and many people from the cities and the seaboard annually resort to the hills and mountains of New England for health and invigoration in the summer months. From one to two hundred boarders find accommodations in Wilton at some period during the warm season, and enjoy its healthful air, its charming drives and walks and its beautiful scenery, while not a few build here tasteful country cottages for their homes nearly half the year. This blending of the advantages of country and city life is working, we may believe, beneficial changes in various directions. Fresh health and vigor are poured into the city, and the taste and refinement of the great centres of wealth, business, and society are given back in generous measures to adorn the life of the country. Each gives and each takes, and reciprocity is the commanding law of human society.

The following extract is from the Centennial pamphlet of 1839, page 26 :

True, here in New England, and especially here in Wilton, nature has lavished her fairest scenes, and breathed from the Most High the breath of life into our souls. Yes, blessed be these hills and valleys for the choice, sweet influences they have shed upon the young communities springing up here. Blessed be these granite mountains, that stand like vast citadels of safety around the blue ring of the horizon, and, gilded by the glories of the setting sun, carry up the thoughts to sublimity and God. Blessed be the fair skies which bend over us here with all their sparkling hosts of light and glory. Blessed be the pure breezes which sing from the north-western hills, and bear health and exhilaration on their wings. But thrice blessed be our homes; our homes, where love and happiness wove a charm and a spell for our hearts, never, never to be unloosed. There "heaven lay about us in our infancy." The blue sky was more dear to us because it arched proudly over the cherished roof of home. The sun and wind and snow and rain were loved because they brought their treasures and laid them at the feet of our sanctuary. The forests and vales and roaring brooks have been sweet in association from this great central attraction.

TOPOGRAPHY OF WILTON: BY ABIEL ABBOT.

The town of Wilton, in latitude 42° 50′ and longitude 71° 46′ W. of Greenwich, is bounded north by Lyndeborough, east by Lyndeborough and Milford, south by Mason and Greenville, and west by Temple. By the original grant the town was "five miles square." It was divided by survey into ten ranges, half a mile wide, running across the town from south to north, and numbered from one at the east to ten at the west; and each range divided into twenty lots, a half mile long from east to west, and one-fourth of a mile wide, containing eighty acres, and numbered from one at the south to twenty at the north. Such was the plan and intention.

But the town was of irregular surface and covered with a dense forest, and in the actual survey errors were made, so that the lots differ in size, some being twice the size of others. When the town of Temple was incorporated, Wilton was called upon to part with its tenth range, which was annexed to Temple. The original surveyors, however, had given good measure, and by later surveys of the town lines, Wilton is found to contain an area equal to nearly or quite "five miles square," or about 16,000 acres.

Wilton has neither mountains, nor plains, swamps, or natural ponds worth notice; but consists mostly of large swells of land, separated by pleasant valleys along the streams. Its superfluous waters are

gathered almost wholly into the Souhegan River, which, coming from Ashburnham, Massachusetts, through New Ipswich and Greenville, enters Wilton near its southwest corner, and has a northeasterly winding course of about six and three-fourths miles through the town to the Milford line. It falls within the town about two hundred and thirty feet, and the lowest land in town is at its outlet, one-half mile east from East Wilton.

Several mill streams, besides smaller ones, flow into the Souhegan. The Gambrel or Gambol Brook comes from Temple, receives at West Wilton a stream from Temple called Blood Brook, or in old writings Bear Brook, and thence has a southeasterly course of nearly three miles into the Souhegan about two and one-half miles above East Wilton. Rocky River or Stony Brook, from Lyndeborough, flows southeasterly about three miles, and joins the Souhegan at East Wilton. The stream sometimes called Mill Brook issues from Burton Pond in Lyndeborough, unites with the Whiting Brook from Temple, and flows southeasterly three miles or more in Wilton, through Davisville, over the often-visited Barnes's Falls, of forty-five or fifty feet descent, and into Rocky River below the Dale Bridge.

Each of these streams furnishes power to several mills and mechanical establishments, and yet but a small part of their power is used; the most of it goes to waste. More than twenty bridges cross these streams; two of iron, several of stone, arched, the others of wood. The streams, ordinarily so gentle and useful and delightful, sometimes swell to mighty torrents, doing much damage besides carrying off bridges, some of which have been repeatedly destroyed, and rebuilt at great expense to the town.

The early inhabitants settled mostly on the hills, where many of the best farms are situated; and consequently the early roads were made to climb over the hills from house to house, with here and there long and steep ascents and descents. And these roads appear to have satisfied the wants of the people pretty well for many years. But at length, about 1820, the growth of business and corresponding increase of travel and transportation in and through the town began to call urgently for new roads, more level or more direct, and especially along the above streams. Accordingly, during the next twenty or thirty years the town constructed new roads, one after another, some at heavy expense, to the extent of twenty miles or more. These hill and valley roads now furnish ready access to all parts of the town, and delightful drives to those who enjoy passing

through ever-changing scenery, or seek the more extensive and inspiring views to be obtained on mounting the hilltops. To the west and southwest the view is bounded by the fine horizon made by the Pack Monadnock range of mountains with Mounts Watatic and Wachuset farther south, in Massachusetts. Northwest and north are seen Lovell Mountain in Washington, the Lyndeborough Mountains, and over beyond them the tips of Crotched Mountain in Francestown. To the northeast appear the Joe English and Uncanoonucs, and far to the east the Blue Hills in the eastern part of New Hampshire. Southeast and south the eye ranges over the counties of Middlesex and Worcester, in Massachusetts.

The following are results of leveling in 1849 and 1850, by John H. Abbot:

	Height in feet.
The surface of Souhegan River, when low, at the junction of Rocky River, being	0
Pond at the Iron Bridge, French Village	81
Under the Great Bridge	109.7
At Deacon Gray's Bridge spot	132.2
Forty rods below the Burnham house (since burnt)	156.3
Arch Bridge	292.6
Upper Pond, in Greenville	498.6
Pratt Pond	358.6
Road at corner near J. D. Wilson's	273.5
Road near Thurston's house	134
Guide Stone at Gray's corner	129
South plank of the Great Bridge	125
River Hill (63 rods long, and rises 135 feet, averaging an angle of 7 degrees from horizontal), its top is	260.2
Road opposite H. Frye's house	331.3
Road opposite P. Gage's house	452.8
Summit of road north of Z. Abbot's house	556.5
Road opposite J. F. Russell's house	515.8
Harris Abbot's north door-stone	487
Summit of road at Captain Clark's house	483.2
Top of Abbot Hill, east of Z. Abbot's house	590

The top of Thomas Russell's chimney, top of Bridges' Hill and top of S. Kimball's chimney are level with the top of Abbot Hill. Deacon Barrett's Hill is one or two feet lower.

These levels are approximate, and may vary from three to five feet.

Altitudes above sea level in Boston harbor. (From Hitchcock's Geology of New Hampshire, Part I.):

	Height in feet.
Top of rails in Boston and Lowell depot, Boston	11
" " " Lowell	99

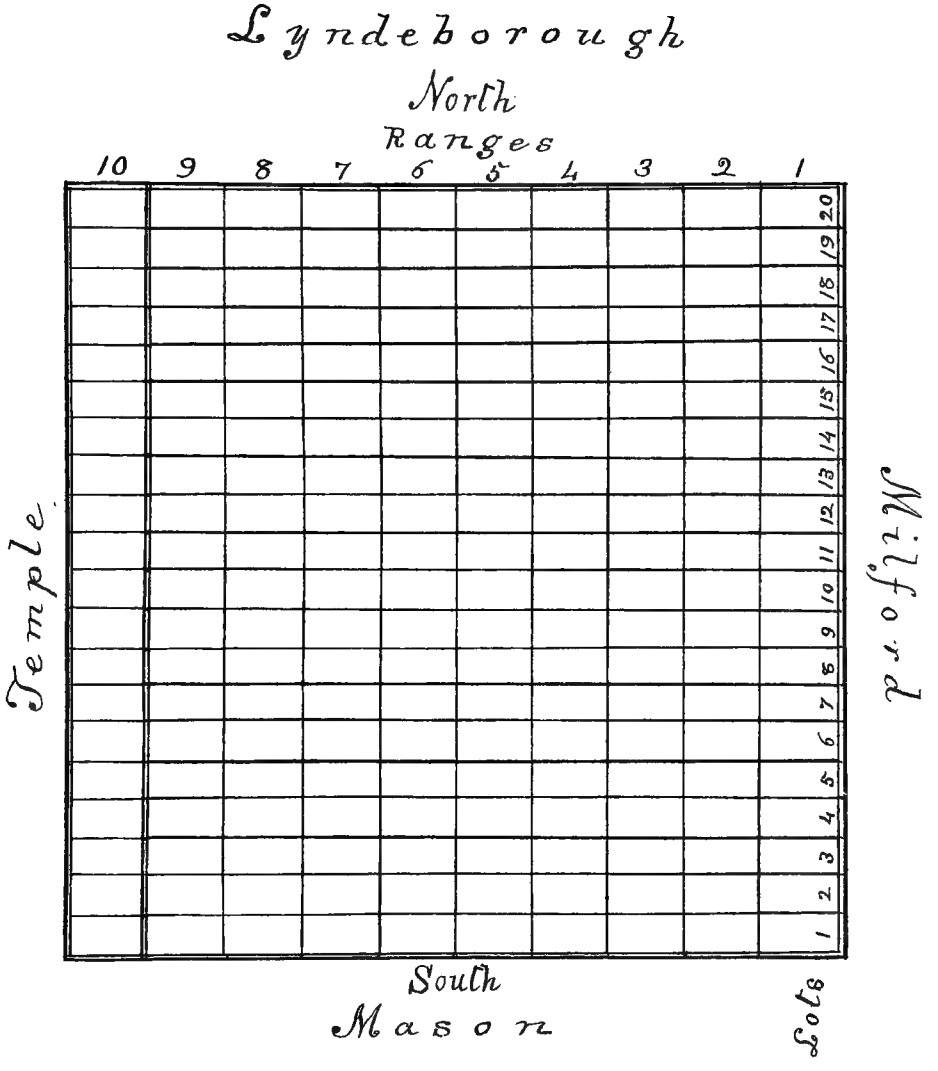
	Height in feet.
Top of rails in Nashua	135
" " near Danforth's Corner	*256
" " " East Wilton Depot	328
" " in Manchester, centre of depot	181
" " " Concord, centre of depot	282
Concord State House	272
Main street, East Wilton	*330
Church in Wilton	*614
Town of Temple	*720
Hay scales in New Ipswich	944
Railroad at Greenville	803
Railroad in east part of Mason	*700
Brookline Village	*400
Hollis Village	*300
Amherst Court House	*427
Mont Vernon	*770
Near hotel, in Greenfield	835
Peterborough	744
Keene	479
East Jaffrey	1032
Monadnock Mountain	3186
Peterborough Mountain	2289
Peterborough Notch, or Gap	1457
Temple Mountain	*1755
Spofford Gap	1465
Kidder Mountain	*1492
Barrett Mountain, New Ipswich	1847
Barrett Hill, Greenville	1271
Uncanoonuc Mountain, east peak	1333
Kearsarge Mountain, Warner	2943
Mount Washington	6293
Lake Connecticut	1619
White Mountain Notch	1914
Franconia Notch	*2014
Winnepisiogee Lake	500

GEOLOGY OF WILTON: BY SEWALL PUTNAM.

From the Report of the State Geologist of New Hampshire, Professor C. H. Hitchcock, we copy what we find relating to the geology of Wilton. In the section, "Hooksett Range of Quartz," on Page 541, Volume II., after tracing the several locations into Lyndeborough, the report says:—

Irregularities in the direction are to be expected in Lyndeborough, since the trend of the rock at Patch's, if continued, would carry the ledge

* Cannot be relied upon as exact. The others are accurate.



Original Plan of the Town of Wilton;
5 miles square; 200 Lots in 10 Ranges, of 20 Lots in each Range; the Lots of 80 acres each, 160 rods by 80. Errors in the actual survey made many Lots vary in size from the Plan, some being twice the size of others.

The Tenth Range was taken from Wilton in 1768 to help make the Town of Temple.

a mile below its next out-crop, west of J. F. Holt's. It continues south of west, and makes the hill near the glass works at South Lyndeborough. The range runs S. 55° W., near the village, and dips 50° S. 35° E. The first railroad cut west of the station barely touches this bed of quartz, dipping 75° S. 40° E. By the eye this range can be followed over the large hill east of Burton Pond, on the town line between Lyndeborough and Wilton. I am not certain of the occurrence of this rock in the northwest corner of Wilton, but it may be seen just in the edge of Temple, between A. Frye's and J. Kendall's. On the other side of Kendall's is one of the finest developments known anywhere along the range. It is from four hundred to five hundred feet wide.

* * * * * * * * * * * * *

The quartz crops out on lots No. 20 in the eighth and ninth ranges, and also on lots Nos. 16 and 17 in the ninth range. Mr. Frye's farm is the west part of lots Nos. 16 and 17 in the ninth range.

In the section, "Manchester Range of Quartz," the report, after it locates its first well-developed out-crop in the southwest corner of Allenstown, traces it through Manchester, the southeast quarter of Goffstown, and through Bedford to Campbell's Hill in Amherst, and says:—

At W. A. Mack's, just against the southeastern corner of Mont Vernon, there is an unusual quantity of quartz boulders. We find now the same state of things which has been noticed between New Boston and Lyndeborough on the Hooksett range, in the absence of continuity in the rock, and its recurrence five miles distant on a different line of exposure. It appears next on the south side of the Souhegan River in Milford, back of the schoolhouse situated on a triangular area produced by the intersection of roads.

The course from the last locality of the quartz vein in Amherst to this exposure is S. 65° W. The quartz dips 75° N. 70° W. It is more gray than usual, almost passing into gneiss, and very abundantly traversed by reticulating veins of milky-white quartz. It occupies a hill, and may be followed as a ridge for about two miles.

At J. B. Gray's,* just within the town of Wilton, the quartz dips 80° N. 77° W. Other exposures occur in the southeast corner of Wilton. The last ledge of this range that has been found is situated near I. A. Brown's, in the northeast corner of Mason, with the strike N. 15° E., and dip N. 75° W.

Figure No. 90, Plate XXII., illustrates the geological formation from South Lyndeborough to the west part of Milford through East Wilton. Commencing at South Lyndeborough, the report says:

* Property now owned by A. B. Mellendy.

In the south edge of the village, following the carriage road instead of the railroad, the next interesting rock is a granite, like the Concord in general appearance, but full of small, distinct crystals of feldspar.

The sienite rock at the railroad cut also reminds us of the related rock near Dodge's,* at the west end of Fig. 89. The gneiss adjoining this porphyritic granite dips 85° N. 80° W. Drift conceals the ledges for more than a mile. Ferruginous mica schist, dipping 70° N. 25° W., crops out shortly after crossing the stream in the north part of Wilton. At the next crossing of Stony Brook the mica schists dip 40–45° N. 40° W., and are inclined to a smaller angle beyond. Half a mile farther they dip 30° in the same direction, with coarse granite beds. Near a cabinet shop the dip is 65°. Just in the edge of East Wilton is a coarse granite. At the village is mica schist. At the tannery, in the east part of the village, are veins of coarse granite, with a small dip.

Figure 91 illustrates between Temple and the east line of Wilton. The sienitic rock of Figures 89 and 90 is wanting next the quartz. The gneiss west of the quartz is of the angular-breaking kind, dipping 70° N. 80° W. Between the quartz locality and a northeast road from Temple the gneiss contains much feldspar, and dips 65° N. 70° W. It is obvious that the quartz must correspond with these dips just recorded of the gneiss upon both sides of it, its own inclination not readily showing itself. The porphyritic granite seen in Lyndeborough is much thicker in Temple, making its appearance next on the southeast road from the village. Next is granitic gneiss, followed by ferruginous mica schist, half a mile distant from the hotel, dipping 85° N. 50° W. on the average. The roads are now inconveniently located for our purpose, and the next ledge seen is at West Wilton, two miles distant from the last ledge, but as it courses with strike it cannot be far distant from its place on the section. There is a mixture of coarse mica schists and fine-grained granitic beds dipping about 65° N. W. Half way to Wilton the mica schist dips 30° N. 25° W.; also at Wilton.

No ledges appear for a mile and a quarter on the section line, when we find a spotted granite by H. F. Frye's, on the west side of a high hill. There is gneiss higher up, and at intervals to J. B. Gray's. On the hill west of Gray's the rock is micaceous and gneissic, dipping 80° N. 70° W., and that is also the position of the quartz. This is about two miles from the southeast end of Figure 90. There is a great width of gneiss at Gray's, though its place seems to be taken by mica schist on Figure 90.

Professor Hitchcock, in the chapter, "Glacial Drift," Page 182, Volume III., says:—

The striæ in New Hampshire vary considerable in their direction.

In the fourteen towns in Hillsborough County of which he makes mention, the courses vary from S. 9° E. near Leach's in New Boston to S. 41° E. in Lyndeborough.

* In New Boston.

The places named in Wilton are: Northeast corner, rock, gneiss, true course S. 21° E.; West Wilton, rock, gneiss, true course, S. 31° E.

Page 290, Volume III., in the table of "Sections of the Glacial Drift in New Hampshire," we find the following relating to Wilton:

	Thickness in feet.	
	UPPER TILL.	LOWER TILL.
Northwest part at County Farm	1½	15
One-eighth mile northeast of East Wilton	12	10
One-eighth mile west of East Wilton	15	...

In Wilton, Temple, Greenville and New Ipswich lenticular hills are abundant. Fine examples occur in the edge of Milford, two-thirds of a mile east of Wilton depot; upon Perham Hill in the northeast corner of Wilton, and several in the northwest, and others in the southwest part of Wilton.

Several quarries of granite have been operated in Wilton, but only one to much extent.

On the south side of the Souhegan River, commencing on lot number eleven in the third range, the ledge crops out almost continually as far as the village.

In the bottom of Colony Brothers' wheel-pit some of it was blasted out. On lot number eleven, third range, Messrs. J. & C. Haselton have operated much more extensively for a few years than any other of the quarries have ever been operated. The rock is coarser than the rock from the Milford quarries, but shows little or none of the rusty color after being worked.

In the Report of the Mineralogy of New Hampshire, Part IV., Page 136, in the catalogue of mineral localities in New Hampshire, is found:—

Wilton. Mennaccanite.

CHAPTER II.

FLORA AND FAUNA.

The vegetable and animal productions of Wilton do not differ essentially from those of other towns in this county and vicinity. The original forest consisted largely of white, red, and pitch pines, hemlocks, oaks, maples, and other hard woods. Though the first and even the second growth of wood and timber have been principally cut down, more acres are probably now in woodland than were fifty years ago, but the trees are, many of them, saplings.

The shrubs and plants are those common to a northern climate and a mountainous country. The fields, woods, pastures and roadsides are gay with a great variety of flowering plants, from the windflower and arbutus of the early spring to the laurel, daisies, lilies, primroses and buttercups of summer, and the golden-rod, cardinal, and life-everlasting of autumn. Many exotics have also become domesticated, and have spread from the gardens to the fields. Numerous wild berries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, whortleberries, and others, abound in the fields and pastures, and are serviceable to men and animals. The foliage of the woods and orchards, if not so full and heavy as in regions of deeper and richer soils, is varied and picturesque. The herbage, too, of the temperate zone, with its many delicate grasses and mosses, and fine green turf, gives exquisite pleasure to the eye compared with the effect of the coarser vegetation of warmer climates.

The following list of plants is by no means complete or exhaustive. We had hoped to give our readers a full botanical catalogue, but have been disappointed by unforeseen events.

The following trees are the principal ones to be found in our town:

White Oak, Red Oak, Yellow Oak,
Black Birch, White Birch, Basket Birch, Yellow Birch,
White Elm, Red or Slippery Elm,
Beech,
White Ash, Red Ash, Mountain Ash,
Lever Wood,
White Pine, Red Pine, Pitch Pine,
Hemlock,
Cedar,
Poplar,
Chestnut,
Tamarack,
Black Cherry, Red Cherry,
White Walnut, Black Walnut,
White Willow, Weeping Willow,
Hickory, Shag-bark Walnut,
Buttonwood, or Sycamore,
Rock Maple, White Maple, Red Maple,
Basswood,
Locust,
Hornbeam.

The cultivated trees introduced from other countries are the

Apple,
Pear,
Peach,
Plum,
Mulberry,
Butternut,
Lombardy Poplar,
Quince.

The most common shrubs are the

White Elder,
Black Alder,
Witch Hazel,
Sassafras,
Common Lilac,
Persian Lilac,
Sumac,
Moosewood,
Juniper,
Mountain Laurel.

Wild grape vines are found, of several species.

Of hundreds of plants, these are mostly well-known under their common names:

Cardinal Flower,
John's Wort,
Golden-rod,
Thoroughwort,
White Daisy, Ox-eyed Daisy,
Life-everlasting,
Checkerberry,
Pennyroyal,
Burdock,
Red Clover, White Clover,
Red Top,
Herd's Grass,
Aaron's Rod,
Milkweed or Silkweed,
Common Polypod, Triangular Polypod,
Bayberry, or Yellow Shrub,
Sweet Fern, Shield Fern,
Jack-in-the-Pulpit,
Pipsissewa,
Low Hemlock,
Spotted Cowbane,
Wild Parsnip,
Club Moss,
Ground Pine,
Tansy,
Roman Wormwood,
Senna,

Rose-colored Silkweed,
Dock,
Feverbush,
Meadow Beauty,
Virginia Creeper,
Evening Primrose,
Pond Lily,
Yellow Lily,
Spring Beauty,
Anemone,
Purslane,
Bitter-Sweet,
Joint Grass,
Pigweed,
Succory,
Indian Pipe,
Wintergreen,
Plantain,
Mullein,
Purple Foxglove,
Vervain,
Horsemint, Spearmint, Peppermint,
Lobelia,
High Blueberry, Low Blueberry,
Whortleberry,
Mayflower,
Angelica,
Sweet Flag,
Cat Tail,
Ragged Orchis,
Purple-fringed Orchis,
Solomon's Seal,
Bulrush, Slender Rush,
Common Nettle,
Stinging Nettle,
Lupine,
Sensitive Plant,
Sunflower,
Mitrewort, Pennywort,
Water Carpet,
Cinque-foil,
Fireweed,
Groundsel,
Red Currant, Black Currant,
Golden Ragwort,
Dandelion,
Buttercup,
Raspberry, Thimbleberry, High Blackberry, Dewberry,
Sweet Briar,
Common Lungwort,
Sweet Pea,
Smartweed,
Skunk Cabbage,
Strawberry,
Wild Rose,
Bindweed,
Trillium,
Hoarhound,
Phlox,
Morning Glory,
Blue-Fringed Gentian,
Field Sorrel,
Wild, or Meadow Sage, Garden Sage,
Sweet Marjoram, Wild Marjoram,
Wild Thyme, Garden Thyme,
Balm,
Common Scullcap,
Blue Curls.

Mosses, lichens and fungi abound, and a life-work might be occupied with cataloguing and identifying them.

At the early settlement of the town wild animals were numerous, and attracted the Indian hunter and fisher. But the advent of the white man soon changed the scene, and many species have wholly disappeared, and others are so scarce that they have ceased to awaken the enthusiasm of the hunter, or reward his toil and skill.

The bear, the wolf, the catamount, the moose, the deer, the beaver, are known no more. One of the early settlers, Abiel Abbot, was treed by a bear, which watched him until, out of

patience by the delay, and worried by a small dog, his bruinship concluded to withdraw. Lieutenant Abraham Burton sometimes trapped bears. In the winter, wolves, made bold by hunger, came down from the mountains in quest of prey, and were killed by hunting parties. Tradition reports that two moose have been killed in town, one near Mason, and one near what is now called French Village. The remains of beaver dams are yet to be seen on the meadow west of the Forest Road, on the Whiting Meadow, and on the Dale Farm. The larger aboriginal animals have departed with the aboriginal men. Civilization has driven them both from their ancient haunts.

Of birds, the largest, the wild turkey, was shot in town as late as 1797. Owing to the absence of large ponds or lakes, few ducks or wild geese or loons have been known, though the long, black lines of wild geese, ranged in harrow-like outline against the blue sky, making their semi-annual migrations, and heard by their peculiar, penetrating notes, may sometimes be seen. The eagle has occasionally been shot in town.

Among animals, the muskrat, the mink, the weasel, the fox, the woodchuck, the skunk, the hedgehog, the otter, the rat, the mouse, the raccoon, the rabbit, the red, grey, striped and flying squirrel, may still be found.

The woods and fields are made musical by a great variety of birds during the warm season, and a few, like the snowbird, brave the cold of winter. Indeed, while some of the larger birds and animals have disappeared before the progress of settlement, the smaller ones are no doubt more numerous than before. For the gardens and the grain fields of the farmer furnish more abundant and substantial means of subsistence.

The robin, sparrow, yellowbird, whippoorwill, thrush, crow, hawk, kingfisher, woodpecker, oriole, catbird, blackbird, scarlet tanager, partridge, butcher-bird, blue jay, pigeon, bobolink, are found here.

Few or no reptiles of a venomous kind are known to exist here at the present day. Report says that a rattlesnake was once killed on the spot where the house of the late Mr. Isaac Blanchard stands, but the race has disappeared. The black snake, the striped snake, the house adder, the green snake and the water snake, are the chief species.

Of fishes, the largest, the salmon, were caught in the Souhegan as late as 1773-4. But the trout, sucker, shiner, minnow, pike and

pickerel, though formerly abundant in streams and ponds, seldom now reward the angler's skill and patience.

Lizards and salamanders are occasionally seen, frogs and toads are abundant, bats are common.

The insect world is numerously represented. Flies of many species, wasps, bees, wild and tame, hornets, ants, spiders, mosquitoes, bugs of every description, fleas, moths, grasshoppers (which though small in size, often produce by their vast numbers serious results upon the grass and grain fields of the farmer), all these are multitudinous in numbers.

To the student and lover of nature and the author of nature, the flora and fauna of every place, however humble, are full of interest and instruction. No object teaching of the schools can match the grand lessons of the material world, of bird and insect, of tree and flower, of animal and man.

CHAPTER III.

INDIANS.

The Indians of the vicinity of Wilton consisted principally of the Pawtucket tribe, who had their headquarters at, and perhaps their designation from, Pawtucket Falls on the Merrimack River, in Lowell, Massachusetts; the Pennacooks, who frequented the region about Amoskeag Falls on the same river in Manchester, New Hampshire; and the Souhegans, who either took their name from, or gave their name to, the Souhegan River. The Merrimack River and the branches flowing into it were the chief hunting and fishing grounds of these bands of the aborigines. They were a nomadic people, moving from place to place, as the necessity of food and shelter dictated, or as hostilities with other tribes required. No permanent Indian settlement seems to have been made within the limits of Wilton, as far as we have ascertained, though they traversed the country for game. There were no large ponds or rivers to attract them, and they had no motive to make their constant residence on the granite hills. They left few, if any, traces behind them, except a few arrow-heads, hatchets, or chisels of stone.

Mr. Sewall Putnam reports that on lot No. 13, range four, in the pine woods east of the Stockwell place, was a hollow dug-out some ten or twelve feet square, which was supposed by many to be an old Indian camp, occupied when on hunting expeditions. But it is now nearly or quite obliterated. Hill and valley, mountain and river remain as the unalterable features of nature, but the children of the ancient woods have passed away forever, leaving scarce a trace behind them.

The one certain memento of their race in Wilton is the name of the principal stream, the Souhegan, or, as it is spelled in some of the old documents, "Sowhagon," signifying, as is said, in their uncouth dialect, "the river of the plains."

So far as is known, no person belonging to Wilton was carried into captivity or killed by the Indians within the limits of the town.

When Indian attacks were threatened, the settlers fled to neighboring garrisons. Danger existed for about ten years. One garrison was in Milford, on the north bank of the Souhegan River, near the Peabody place. Another was in Lyndeborough, near Mr. Ephraim Putnam's house. The apprehensions of the pioneers were so great that in 1744 they sent the following petition, which tells its own story, to the Governor and Council of the Province of New Hampshire:

PETITION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE INDIANS.

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of his Majesties Province of New Hampshire.

The petition of the inhabitants of Salem-Canada in said Province Humbly shews. That your petitioners live in a place Greatly exposed to the Indians and have not men Sufficient for to Defend us. That tho' there be but few of us, yet we have laid out our estates, to begin in this place, so that we shall be extremely hurt if we must move off, for we have by the Blessing of God on our labors, a fine crop of corn on the ground, and tho' we have a Garrison in the town Built by Order of Maj. Lovell, yet we have nobody empowered so much as to set a watch among us, nor men to keep it: we would pray your Excellency that we may have some assistance from the Government, in sending us some souldiers to Guard and Defend us as in your wisdom you shall think proper.

Though we are but newly added to this Government, yet we pray your Excellency not to disregard us, but to assist us, that we may keep our estates and do service for the government hereafter. And your Petitioners, as in duty Bound will ever pray.

John Cram, Jr.,	John Cram,	David Stevenson,
John Dale,	Ephraim Putnam,	Abraham Leman,
Joseph Cram,	Samuel Leman,	John Stevenson.
Jonathan Cram,	Benjamin Cram,	

SALEM-CANADA, June 26, 1744.

What action, if any, was taken by the Governor is not known. The presumption is that he had few soldiers to spare for such a purpose—to guard and defend a handful of settlers who had taken their lives in their hands, and had gone out into the wilderness beyond the protection of civilization.

At any rate, the Indians made no raids on the peaceable inhabitants of Salem-Canada of which any record remains. Transient hunters occasionally called on the settlers at a period long sub-

sequent, but they gave no molestation. Their spirit was broken; the iron had entered their souls, and the reign of the Red Man was over. But they will have an everlasting memorial, more durable than monuments of brass, in the names they have given our lakes, streams and mountains; the Monadnock, Souhegan, Contoocook, Nashua, Merrimack, Pawtucket and Pemigewasset.

For a period of about one hundred years the French and Indians, from King William's Ten Years' War, 1688, to Queen Anne's War, 1703, closed by the Peace of Utrecht, 1713, and followed by other attacks, down from 1755 to 1773, kept the New England settlements in a constant state of alarm and warfare.

The terror of these wars was that the Indians were readily influenced to become allies of the French, and, officered by their European masters, employed to carry havoc through New England and New York. They lay in wait as the settlers left their block-houses in the morning to go out to their fields for their day's work, or made night hideous as they dashed into some lone settlement with their terrible war-whoop, firing the houses, tomahawking and scalping the men, and carrying the women and children into a captivity often worse than death. These incursions of the savages kept the whole country in a state of feverish alarm and terror, and suspended all regular business. The pioneers, after great sacrifices, were often obliged to abandon their improvements, made at great cost, and take refuge in the cities or in the fortified towns to escape their barbarities. It was a guerilla warfare of the most terrible character.

Nor were the early settlers of New England altogether innocent in the matter. They regarded the Indians as the children of the devil, and their extermination as in some measure a religious duty. They superstitiously believed that in ridding them from the land they were doing the same sort of service to God that Joshua and the Israelites did in driving out and slaughtering the Canaanites.

But, as elsewhere said, Wilton bore but a small part in this fearful Indian warfare. No tribe permanently occupied her territory. But few of her sons were engaged in the proper French and Indian wars.

Among the troops that were raised to reënforce the army after the battle of Lake George, September, 1755, in Captain James Todd's company is found the name of Ephraim Butterfield; time of enlistment September 22, time of discharge December 13, 1755.

In the campaign of 1757, in the roll of Captain Richard Emery's company we find the name of Henry Parker, Jr., and Josiah Parker, whose father settled on lot No. 7 in the third range. Henry was massacred at Fort William Henry when captured by the French and Indians under General Montcalm.

In the campaign of 1758, in the roll of Captain Nehemiah Lovewell's company is found the name of James Mann, one of the earliest settlers in the southwest part of Wilton, also Philip Putnam, Ephraim Butterfield and Alexander Milliken. They were out about six months in the service.

The above enlistments are all we find recorded in the old documents as belonging to Wilton.

CHAPTER IV.

PROPRIETARY HISTORY—SALEM-CANADA—NUMBER TWO—INCORPORATION OF WILTON—SLIP ADDED TO TEMPLE.

The proprietary history of the towns of New Hampshire may be said to date back to the grants made to Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Captain John Mason by King James I. They were members of a council of forty established in 1620 at Plymouth, in the county of Dover, England, for the planting, ruling, and governing of New England in America. Gorges was a naval officer in the reign of Elizabeth, and a friend of Sir Walter Raleigh. Mason was a London merchant, also an officer in the British navy, and former Governor of Newfoundland.

The Council granted, March 9, 1621, to Mason all that territory included between Salem and the mouth of the Merrimack, round Cape Ann, up the rivers Naumkeag, Salem, and Merrimack to their head waters, then across from the head of one to the head of the other, and all the islands within three miles of the coast, the district to be called Merrimack.

On August 10, 1622, another grant was made to Mason and Gorges jointly of all the land between the rivers Merrimack and Sagadehock (Kennebec), extending back to the great lakes and river of Canada (St. Lawrence), to be called Laconia.

These vast and loosely defined territories became afterwards the subjects of dispute and litigation. Mason obtained a new patent from the Plymouth (England) Council of the land between the Merrimack and the Piscataqua Rivers under the title of New Hampshire. Great troubles arose from the overlapping of one grant of land on another already given. But in spite of these conflicts of title, the lands were gradually taken up and settled, and towns established. These New Hampshire grants came, as was held, into

conflict with the interest of Massachusetts, and Mason was pronounced in the journal of Governor Winthrop as "the chief mover in all attempts against us."

The New Hampshire settlements covered by the patents of Mason and Gorges, being in a divided and unsettled condition and under conflicting authorities, were finally united with Massachusetts, which assumed jurisdiction over the whole.* The Mason grants being thus vacated, the heirs lost the estate which had been willed to them by the original proprietor, Captain John Mason.

But in 1660 the government of Charles II. declared that Robert Mason, grandson and heir of Captain John Mason, had a good and legal title to the province of New Hampshire. But difficulties arose which prevented the reinstatement of his rights. In 1675 a renewed declaration of his legal title was put forth by royal authority, but Mason finally died in 1688, without realizing the fulfilment of his hopes and labors, and left his barren claims to his two sons, John and Robert.

These charter titles, however, were purchased afterwards by a company who gave grants to settlers, and were termed the "Masonian Proprietors." This brief sketch will explain the origin of this title. The proprietors were chiefly wealthy residents of Portsmouth and the vicinity, and they began business in 1748, first by quit-claiming to settlers grants of land previously made during the disputes between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and then by making new grants in their own name.

SALEM-CANADA.

The first movement towards the settlement of Wilton was made in 1735. On the 19th of June of that year a petition was presented to the General Court of Massachusetts by Samuel King and others for relief in consideration "of their sufferings" in the expedition to Canada under Sir William Phips in the year 1690. Agreeably to the old Roman method of rewarding military services by colonizing the veterans, a committee was chosen, consisting of Samuel Wells, Esq., Samuel Chandler and John Hobson, to lay out a township of the contents of six miles square, west of Narragansette,† called

* See Appendix to this Chapter.—"Wilton as a Part of Groton Gore."

† So called as the town was granted to persons who had rendered services in the Narragansett war. The town of Bedford was called Narragansett No. 5, or Souhegan East.

Number Three, or Amherst, and also called Souhegan West, and return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation.

This tract, including Lyndeborough and the north part of Wilton, received then the name of Salem-Canada.* The term "Canada" was obviously given on account of the remembrance of the expedition to Canada. The prefix of "Salem" was, perhaps, due to the fact that, in the early history of the country, Essex County, Massachusetts, of which Salem was the shire town or capital, was represented as extending back westward from the seaboard to the Connecticut River, covering, of course, as may be seen by the map, the territory now occupied by the towns of Lyndeborough and Wilton. It has also been suggested that the signers of the petition to the General Court for relief were probably residents of Salem and vicinity. The town of Salem-Canada, six miles square, was to be divided into sixty-three equal shares, one of which was to be for the first settled minister, one for the ministry, and one for the school.

The conditions of settlement were that on each share, within three years, a good family should be settled; a house built eighteen feet square and seven feet stud at least; that six acres of land should be cultivated; that the inhabitants should settle a learned orthodox minister, and build and finish a convenient meeting-house for the public worship of God.

Sewall Putnam, Esq., says: "There is no doubt that the southeast part of Lyndeborough was the southeast part of Salem-Canada. The old people of Wilton many years ago used to say that the south line of Salem-Canada was between what is now Mr. Mark Holt's and Mr. Doe's house. A continuation of the line between the southeast part of Lyndeborough and Milford to the west would run near Mr. Harvey A. Whiting's house on the Hopkins Place, and as it continued west would run between Mr. Mark Holt's and Mr. Doe's house. That shows that about one-third of the present town of Wilton was in Salem-Canada."

Some feeling has been expressed of late as if Wilton had encroached on Lyndeborough, and taken away a part of its territory. But Lyndeborough as a grant to Benjamin Lynde and thirty others did not date till December 5, 1753, four years after Badger's settlement and that of others in Salem-Canada. Lyndeborough was

* See Appendix to this Chapter.

not incorporated until April 23, 1764, almost two years after Wilton was incorporated. This disposes entirely of the claim that any part of Wilton was ever a part of Lyndeborough. That about one-third of Wilton was once a part of Salem-Canada no one will deny, but Salem-Canada was not identical with Lyndeborough any more than it was with Wilton. Wilton took away none of Lyndeborough's territory, and could not, in the nature of things, for Lyndeborough was not in existence when Number Two, the predecessor of Wilton, was granted as a town.

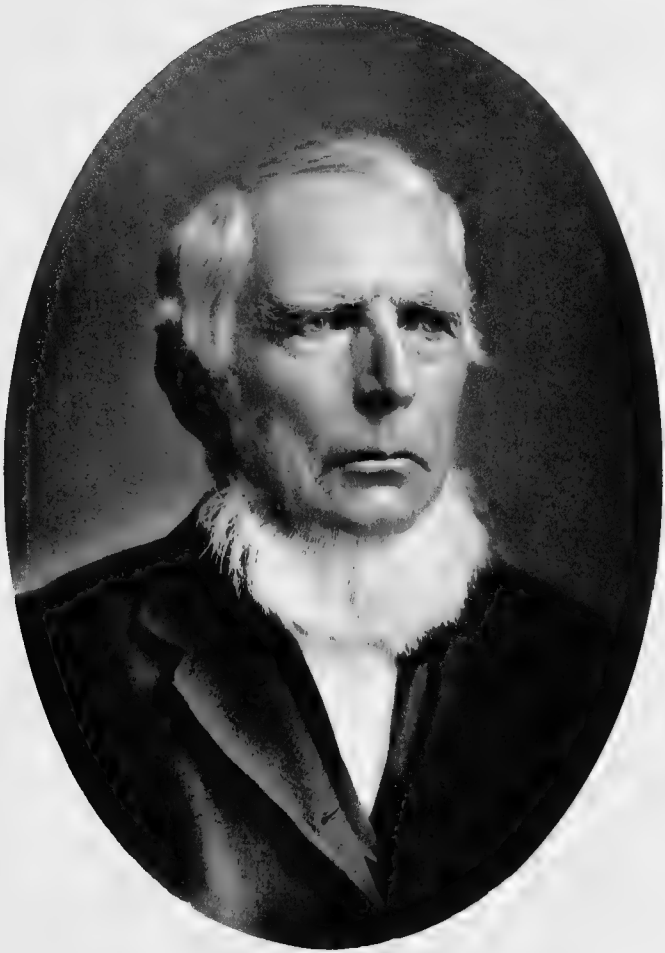
We cannot with any advantage rake over the embers in the old ashes of past grievances to kindle new regrets and jealousies. Let bygones be bygones. Our forefathers, no doubt, did the best they could under the circumstances, as we do now, and what is written is written, and what is done is done, and cannot be reversed or undone. Salem-Canada was not Lyndeborough any more than it was Wilton. Salem-Canada preceded both towns, and both towns took a portion of its territory, and Wilton had a right to do so as much as Lyndeborough, and, as the first in the field, more right to do so. If any party had a right to complain it was Salem-Canada, because its territory had been absorbed in Wilton and Lyndeborough.

We confess that our good neighbor, Lyndeborough, since she became Lyndeborough, and not Salem-Canada, has suffered mutilation by a portion of her territory, in 1796, being annexed to Greenfield, another portion, in 1853, to Mont Vernon, and still another portion, in 1873, to Milford. For these clippings no compensation was given to Lyndeborough. But the territory taken from Salem-Canada to form, not Wilton, but "Number Two," was made up to it by an equal amount of lands added on the north.

About the time of the first settlement there was a controversy between the authorities of New Hampshire and Massachusetts relating to the jurisdiction of the territory of southern New Hampshire. A definite account of this dispute is given in Doctor N. Bouton's History of Concord. For ten years the inhabitants in this part of the state were under the government of Massachusetts.

"NUMBER TWO."

The grant of Salem-Canada in 1735 by the Massachusetts General Court and the settlements formed in it, were followed in 1749 by the grant of a new township, from the proprietors holding under the



Sewall Putnam

charter of John Tufton Mason, to a company of purchasers, forty-six in number.* Many of them never resided on the property, but afterwards sold their lands to settlers coming in. These shares were drawn by lot. The deed conveying the land was dated October 1, 1749, at Dunstable, and the lots were drawn on October 16, 1749. The name first given to the new township, which included on the north a part of Salem-Canada, was " Number Two."

The following conditions were prescribed by the proprietors to the grantees :

1. Two lots of eighty acres each should be set apart to encourage the building of mills.
2. One share of two hundred and forty acres should be given to the first minister.
3. One share should be set apart for the Christian ministry.
4. One share should be given to schools.
5. The shareholders should make all roads.
6. The original proprietors should be exempt from all taxes.
7. The shareholders should settle and build houses on forty lots.
8. Each settler should pay $13.33 to aid in building up the town.
9. Those not fulfilling the conditions, except in case of an Indian war, were to forfeit their shares.
10. White pine trees were to be reserved for the British navy.

This new township, which, with new territory on the south, included on the north a portion of " Salem-Cannada," received the name of " Number Two," as stated above. This name was continued until 1762, thirteen years, as the title of Salem-Canada had been for fourteen years, viz. . from 1735 to 1749. " Number One " was Mason, " Number Two," Wilton.

WILTON PROPER.

On June 18, 1761, the following petition was addressed to Governor Benning Wentworth :

PETITION FOR INCORPORATION.

To His Excellency, Benning Wentworth, Esq., Governor, &c., in the Province of New Hampshire, and the Honorable His Majesty's Council of said Province :

The petition of us the subscribers being Inhabitants of a tract of Land in said Province of the contents of five miles square called and known by the name of Number 2, which Township bounds northerly on Lyndeborough, westerly and Southerly on Peterborough Slip and Number 1, Easterly

* See Appendix to this Chapter.—"Grant of the Masonian Proprietors."

on ye Masons Grant not taken up; which Tract of land is considerably settled and improved, and is this year Taxed to the Province with other towns.

We would therefore Humbly request of your Excell'y and Honors that we may be Incorporated into a Township and be invested with such Privileges and Immunities as other Towns have and do enjoy in this Province, for ye more easy carrying on our Public affairs &c. and that the said Corporation may be Bounded according to the Grant of the said Township and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c. June 18, 1761.

James Mann,	Henry Snow,	John Cram.
William Gibson,	Jonathan Stevens,	William Kinkeid.
Haezial Hamblet,	William Mansur,	Elexander Milieen.
Robert Smith,	John Dale,	William Vance.
John Burton,	Robert Renker,	Philip Putnam.
David Barker,	Ebenezer Perry,	John Davison,
Jonathan Greele,	Benjamin Thompson,	Hugh Smylie,
Samuel Mansur,	Jacob Putnam.	

The prayer of the petitioners was granted, the lands were surveyed, and the town was incorporated June 25, 1762, under the name of Wilton, derived from an ancient borough in Wiltshire, England.* This act of incorporation was to continue in force till January 1, 1765. The first town meeting was held June 27, 1762. A second act of incorporation was granted January 2, 1765, signed by Hon. Benning Wentworth, Governor of the Province of New Hampshire, "to have continued until His Majesty's pleasure shall be further known." As His Majesty and His Majesty's successors have, so far as is known, taken no exception to it, it is presumed this act of incorporation remains valid to the present day.

ADDITION OF PART OF WILTON TO TEMPLE.

In 1768 a petition † was addressed to the Governor and Council by the inhabitants of Peterborough Slip, Slipton or Sliptown, the part of Peterborough lying east of the mountains called Pack or Petit Monadnock, to have one mile of the west part of Wilton, and extending the length of the town five miles, added to Peterborough Slip to form an independent town. To compensate for this slice of a mile wide being taken off of Wilton, the petitioners also prayed that one mile wide of territory might be added to the town on the east. The people of Wilton addressed the authorities with a

* See Appendix to this Chapter.—"Act of Incorporation."

† See Appendix to this Chapter.—"A Record of Wilton Proceedings, 1768–1773."

counter-petition asking that Peterborough Slip itself might be added to Wilton, and deprecating any addition on the east. But the petitioners of the Peterborough Slip prevailed over the Wiltonians, and a tract, half a mile wide and five miles long, was taken from Wilton and added to Peterborough Slip, constituting the town of Temple.

Thus after all these changes of names and boundaries, of Salem-Canada, "Number Two," Wilton five miles square, and Wilton four and a half miles wide by five miles long, as at present constituted, we have the proprietary and territorial history of the town of Wilton up to the present time.

APPENDIX.

PART OF WILTON AS GROTON GORE.

From a book of about one hundred pages, compiled from the early records of Massachusetts by Samuel A. Green, M. D., entitled "The Boundary Lines of Old Groton," we learn that a part of Wilton was once known as Groton Gore. In the book is a map of Groton Plantation as granted A. D. 1655 and surveyed A. D. 1668. Also, another map of Groton Gore, granted 1736, together with the town lines as they exist A. D. 1885. Also, another map of Groton Plantation, with town lines existing A. D. 1885.

On the southeast of Groton, and adjoining it, was a small township granted in the spring of 1654, by the General Court, to the Nashobah Indians, who were converted to Christianity by the Apostle Eliot and others.

It appears that disputes arose in relation to the lines of the towns about Groton, some of which were caused by the neglect of the inhabitants of Groton to make return of the plan of the original grant to the General Court for confirmation, as was customary in such cases.

The incorporation of Nashobah on November 2, 1714, settled many of the disputes connected with the lands; but in December of the next year the name was changed from Nashobah to Littleton.

As already stated, the plan of the original Groton grant had never been returned by the proprietors to the General Court for confirmation, and this neglect had acted to their prejudice.

After Littleton had been set off, the town of Groton undertook to repair the injury and make up the loss.

The necessary steps for bringing the matter before the General Court were taken at a town meeting, held on July 25, 1734. It was then stated that the town had lost more than twenty-seven hundred and eighty-eight acres by the encroachment of the Littleton line.

Under these circumstances Benjamin Prescott was authorized to present the petition to the General Court, setting forth the true state of the case, and all of the facts connected with it.

Mr. Prescott presented the petition November 28, 1734. It was

Read and Ordered, That Col. Chandler, Capt. Blanchard, Capt. Hobson, Major Epes, and Mr. Hale, be a committee to take this Petition under consideration, and report what may be proper for the Court to do in answer thereto.

December 12, 1734, Colonel Chandler, from the committee appointed the 28th ult. to consider the petition of Benjamin Prescott, Esq., in behalf of the proprietors of Groton, made report, which was read and accepted, and in answer to this petition, voted:

That a grant of ten thousand eight hundred acres of the Lands lying in the Gore between Dunstable and Townshend, be and hereby is made to the Proprietors of the Town of Groton as an equivalent for what was taken from them by Littleton and Coyachus or Willards Farm (being about two acres and a half for one) and is in full satisfaction thereof, and that the said Proprietors be and are hereby allowed and impowered by a Surveyor and Chainmen on Oath to survey and lay out the said ten thousand eight hundred acres in the said Gore, and return a Plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for confirmation to them and their heirs and assigns respectively.

The bounds of the said tract are as follows:

Beginning at the North West Corner of Dunstable at Dram-Cup Hill by Sohegan River and Runing South in Dunstable line last Perambulated and Run by a Com^tee^ of the General Court, two Thousand one hundred & fifty two poles to Townshend line, there making an angle, and Runing West 31 1-2 Deg. North on Townshend line and province Land Two Thousand and Fifty Six poles to a Pillar of Stones then turning and Runing by Province Land 31 1-2 deg. North two Thousand and forty Eight poles to Dunstable Corner first mentioned.*

Some years ago, says Mr. Sewall Putnam, I was called to run some lines near Jones's Corner in Milford. Mr. William Jones was

* The content of Groton Gore, as calculated from the length of the three sides, is 11,752 acres. According to the map in the book, that part of the Gore now lying in Wilton contains between nine and ten hundred acres.

one of the men present with me; he pointed out a small pillar of stones between the railroad and the river, and said it was always represented to him as being the "Old Dunstable Corner." It was near where the small house now stands, between the railroad and river. The original Jones Farm was partly in Mile Slip, partly in Old Dunstable.

If the boundary pointed out by Mr. Jones was the true northwest corner of Old Dunstable, the starting point in the description of Groton Gore, as found in the map in Doctor Green's book, appears to be from three to four hundred rods south of the true northwest corner of Old Dunstable.

Groton Gore was situated in the present towns of Mason, Brookline, Wilton, Milford and Greenville. That part of the grant now in Milford and Brookline, after Wilton and Mason were surveyed, was known as Mile Slip.

The part that is now in Wilton is a rectangular triangle of the southeast part of the town, bounding on Milford about three hundred and eighty-six rods, and on Mason about seven hundred and fifty-eight rods.

Mr. John Boynton Hill, in his History of the Town of Mason, New Hampshire, says:

> Under this grant the inhabitants took possession of and occupied the territory. It was their custom to cut the hay upon the meadows and stack it, and early in the spring to send up their young cattle to be fed upon the hay, under the care of Boad, the Negro slave. They would cause the woods to be fired, as it was called, that is, burnt over in the spring, after which fresh and succulent herbage springing up furnished a good store of the finest feed, upon which the cattle would thrive and fatten through the season. Boad's camp was upon the east side of the meadow, near the residence of the late Joel Ames. (Page 26.)

As two parts of Wilton were contained in grants made by the Massachusetts authorities, that is, about one-third of the north part of the town in the Salem-Canada Grant, and near ten hundred acres of the southeast part in the Groton Gore Grant, it may be interesting to give a statement of the boundary question between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, copied from Dr. Green's book. (Pages 37-38.)

> During many years the dividing line between the two Provinces was the subject of controversy. The cause of dispute dated back to the time when the original grant was made to the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. The charter was drawn up in England at a period when little was known

in regard to the interior of this country, and the boundary lines, necessarily, were somewhat indefinite.

The Merrimack River was an important factor in fixing the limits of the grant, as the northern boundary of Massachusetts was to be a line three miles north of any and every part of it. At the date of the charter the general direction of the river was not known, but it was incorrectly assumed to be easterly and westerly. As a matter of fact, the course of the Merrimack is southerly for a long distance from where it is formed by the union of the Winnepesaukee and the Pemigewasset Rivers, and then it turns and runs twenty-five or thirty miles in a northeasterly direction to its mouth; and this deflection in the current caused the dispute. The difference between the actual and the supposed direction was a matter of little practical importance so long as the neighboring territory remained unsettled, or so long as the two Provinces were essentially under one government; but as the population increased it became an exciting and vexatious question. Towns were chartered by Massachusetts in territory claimed by New Hampshire, and this action led to bitter feeling and provoking legislation. Massachusetts contended for the land "nominated in the bond," which would carry the line fifty miles northward into the very heart of New Hampshire; and on the other hand that Province strenuously opposed this view of the case, and claimed that the line should run, east and west, three miles north of the mouth of the river. At one time a royal commission was appointed to consider the subject, but their labors produced no satisfactory result. At last the matter was carried to England for a decision, which was rendered by the King on March 5, 1739-40.

This judgment was final and in favor of New Hampshire. It gave that Province not only all the territory in dispute, but a strip of land fourteen miles in width, lying along her southern border, mostly west of the Merrimack, which had never been claimed. This strip was the tract of land between the line running east and west, three miles north of the southernmost trend of the river, and a similar line three miles north of its mouth. By the decision twenty-eight townships were taken from Massachusetts and transferred to New Hampshire. The settlement of this disputed question was undoubtedly a public benefit, although at the time it caused a great deal of hard feeling. In establishing the new boundary Pawtucket Falls, situated now in the city of Lowell, and near the most southern portion of the river's course, was taken as the starting-place, and the line that now separates the two states was run west, three miles north of this point. It was surveyed officially in the spring of 1741, with reference to the settlement of this dispute.

It will be readily seen by the foregoing that the line contended for by New Hampshire would run three miles or more north of the north line of Wilton.

SALEM-CANADA.

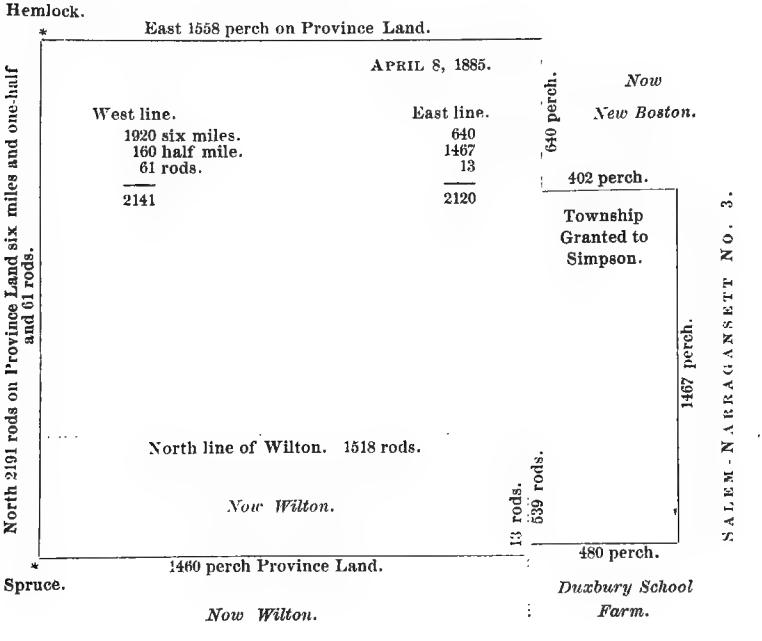
"June 19th, 1735, Samuel Wells Esq. Samuel Chandler and John Hobson were appointed a committee by the General Court of

Massachusetts to lay out a township of the contents of six square miles, west of Narragansett Town, called "Number Three," and return a plat thereof to this Court, within twelve months, for confirmation."

The following is a description of the tract of land called Salem-Canada, as laid out in May, 1736, by order of the authorities of Massachusetts Bay, and returned June 2, 1736:

Beginning at a spruce tree and runs north by the Needle 2191 rods on province land to a hemlock marked; then runs East 1558 perch on Province land to a township adjoining to and lying north of Salem-Narragansett No. 3; then turns and runs south on said township 640 rods to a township granted to Jon° Simpson and others; then turns and runs East on said township 402 pole to a stake and stones; then runs south 1467 perch on said Narragansett town; then runs west 480 perch on Duxbury School Farm to stake and heap of stones; then turns south 13 perch on said Farm to a poplar; then runs west 1460 perch to the spruce first named.

If we suppose the distance from Duxbury School Farm to the spruce at the southwest corner of Salem-Canada (1460 rods) to be correct, that spruce must have been in what is now Wilton; the north line of Wilton being 1518 rods, would leave the spruce 58 rods east of the present west line of Wilton.



In the town clerk's office at Lyndeborough is a copy of the Salem-Canada grant, and also a plan of the same, from which this is a copy.

The distances, etc., of the several lines on this plan are put down the same as they are on the plan at Lyndeborough. It will be seen that there is a discrepancy on the west line of fifty rods between the figures and the sum as written out, but it is the same in the description.

The dotted lines on this plan do not represent any lines on the plan at Lyndeborough, but represent the north line of Wilton, and the east line as far as Lyndeborough runs south.

GRANT OF THE MASONIAN PROPRIETORS.

Extract from the deed making the grant of the township of Wilton by the Masonian Proprietors:

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. } Pursuant to the Power and Authority granted and vested in me by the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq. in the Province of New Hampshire by their vote Passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in said Province the 16th day of June 1749 I do by these presents on the terms and conditions hereafter expressed give and grant unto Thomas Read, Esq. Robert Fletcher Jun, Joseph Blanchard Jun, Oliver Coleburn, Oliver Farwell, Jno. Usher, Thomas Spaulding, John Lovewell Jun, Peter Powers, Humphrey Hobbs, John Combs, Jos. Blodget, Samuel Fowle, Josiah Swan, Ezra Carpenter, Jona. Cummings, Thomas Parker, Jun, John Varnum, William Foster, the Rev. Mr. Thomas Parker, Josiah Butterfield, Anthony Emory, Benjamin Parker Jun, Nehemiah Abbot, Samuel Greele, Benjn. Farwell, Oliver Whiting, Jos. Richardson, Benjn. Farley, Jno. Kendall, Abraham Kendall, David Adams, Joseph French, Eleazer Blanchard, Zacheus Lovewell, Samuel Farley, William Cummings, Jona. Powers, Samuel Cummings, Archalaus Dale, Jacob Putnam, Nathaniel Putnam, John Dale, Stephen Herryman, John Shead and Ephraim Putnam, all the right title and property of the Grantors aforesaid of in and to all that part of a township or tract of land in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid containing five miles square Lying on the branches of Souhegan river between Peterborouh and Munson bounded as follows. Beginning at the Southwest corner of the premises at a white pine tree, which is the Northwest corner of the Township No. 1 and runs from thence north five miles to a white ash marked, from thence east five miles to a stake and stones, from thence south five miles to a Chestnut tree marked, from thence west five miles to the white pine tree first mentioned which said Township is laid out, drawn for and the lotts ascertained to each grantee respectively also two lotts for encouragement for building Mills and three shares for public uses viz. one for the first settled Minister, one for the Ministry and one for the school.

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RESIDENCE OF GEO I. DOE.

In witness whereof I the Subscriber Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of October 1749.

JOSEPH BLANCHARD.

SCHEDULE OF LOTS DRAWN BY THE GRANTEES.

GRANTEES.	DRAUGHT.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.
Robert Fletcher, Jr.	1	9	4	9	3	11	4
Joseph Blanchard, Jr.	2	8	4	8	3	20	2
Oliver Colburn	3	10	6	1	10	16	3
Minister	6	12	7	17	10	20	4
Oliver Farwell	7	11	5	2	7	1	2
John Usher	8	6	5	6	6	1	1
Thomas Spalding	9	18	1	13	1	14	1
John Lovewell, Jr.	10	8	6	2	10	1	5
Peter Powers	12	13	7	16	10	20	1
Humphrey Hobbs	14	4	4	6	3	10	2
John Combs	16	4	3	8	2	9	2
Joseph Blodgett	17	5	5	5	6	3	7
Samuel Fowle	19	13	3	13	2	12	10
Josiah Swan	20	13	6	10	10	11	10
Ezra Carpenter	22	12	6	17	3	15	1
Jonathan Cummings	23	3	2	4	2	11	3
Thomas Parker, Jr.	24	3	3	12	2	7	2
John Varnum	25	3	4	1	3	2	5
Peter Powers & A. Dale	27	7	8	7	7	7	1
Ministry	28	17	2	8	8	9	1
Thomas Read, Esq.	30	11	1	19	4	19	3
William Foster	32	7	10	20	8	10	7
Mr. Thomas Parker	34	18	7	19	7	18	3
Josiah Butterfield	35	17	7	14	2	17	6
Anthony Emory	36	15	2	2	8	3	8
Benjamin Parker, Jr.	40	11	8	10	8	13	10
Peter Powers	41	13	8	14	8	20	6
School lots	42	12	9	10	9	10	1
Nehemiah Abbot	43	13	9	3	1	16	1
Samuel Greele	45	9	8	9	9	8	7
Benjamin Farwell	46	16	9	9	6	19	9
Oliver Whiting	47	6	4	7	4	7	3
Joseph Richardson	48	17	5	16	5	..	..
John Shead	49	14	6	15	6	..	..
Benjamin Farley	50	19	8	18	6	..	..
Joseph Blodgett	51	16	7	13	5	..	..
John Kendall	52	5	9	6	8	14	5
Abraham Kendall	53	19	5	..	..	..	..
Peter Powers	55	16	4	18	4	15	3
David Adams	56	17	1	..	..	..	..
Joseph French	57	4	7	5	7	6	10
Eleazer Blanchard	60	11	6	1	9	1	6
Robert Fletcher, Jr.	61	18	2	19	2	19	1
Zacheus Lovewell	62	20	10	10	5	7	9

SCHEDULE OF LOTS DRAWN BY THE GRANTEES.—CONTINUED.

GRANTEES.	DRAUGHT.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.
Samuel Farley	63	20	9	11	7	11	9
William Cummings	64	2	2	4	1	5	1
Jonathan Powers	65	2	3	2	4	2	1
Samuel Cummings	66	6	2	5	2	6	1
Mill lots	67	13	4	14	4	..	..
John Dale	68	16	2	21	2	..	..
Jacob Putnam	69	15	5	18	5	..	..
Stephen Herryman	70	17	4	15	4	..	..
Archalaus Dale	71	16	6	..	..	..	..
Nathaniel Putnam	72	16	3	..	..	..	..
Ephraim Putnam	73	15	5	..	..	..	..

SCHEDULE OF LOTS DRAWN BY THE GRANTORS.

GRANTORS.	DRAUGHT.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.	NO. OF LOT.	RANGE.
Thomas Parker, Esq.	4	9	5	8	10	9	10
M. H. Wentworth, Esq	5	7	5	8	5	1	4
Jotham Odiorne, Esq	11	12	4	12	3	12	1
Joseph Blanchard, Esq	13	5	4	10	3	4	8
Thomas Wallingford, Esq	15	5	3	11	2	7	6
Joshua Pierce, Esq	18	4	5	4	6	1	7
William Parker, Esq	21	12	5	19	10	18	10
John Wentworth, Jr.	26	3	5	2	6	3	6
John Moffatt, Esq	29	5	8	6	7	8	1
Nathaniel Meserve and others	31	18	9	17	9	20	7
George Jaffrey, Esq	33	18	8	17	8	9	7
Daniel Pierce and Mary Moore	37	2	9	3	9	3	10
Matthew Livermore, Esq	38	4	9	4	10	5	10
Richard Wibird, Esq	39	12	8	15	8	16	8
Theodore Atkinson, Esq	44	14	9	14	10	20	5
John Tufton Mason, Esq	54	14	7	15	7	14	3
Mark H. Wentworth, Esq	58	15	9	15	10	20	3
S. Solly and C. March, Esq	59	6	9	8	9	19	9

The schedule of the lots drawn is certified thus:

The afore-written lists were drawn and finished at Dunstable, the 16th day of October 1749.

Copy examined for

JOS. BLANCHARD,

Proprietors' Clerk.

PETITION RELATIVE TO COUNTY BOUNDS, ETC.

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esq Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New Hampshire, and to the Honorable his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled—

The Petition of us the Subscribers, humbly sheweth, That Your Petitioners being Inhabitants within the lines of the County Prescribed, (viz) Peterborough West Line and the Easterly Line of Litchfield, And Whereas by Information we are by a Petition from others to your Hon^rs rendered incapable by the fewness of Inhabitants and the unlikeness of Increase to Support the Officers of the County in such Sort, That any Gentleman suitable therefor will be Unwilling to Undertake the Same: All which is a mistake, The People are many And as We think able and Sufficient and the Increase More and More, the greater part of the County within s^d Lines being Unsettled, And that is Small in Comparison of other Advantages accrewing if Amherst is made the Shire Town, All the roads leading from the Towns adjacent center to Amherst and there is Food and Forrage and other things necessary. But if carried further East will increase Travel and if over the River will make it inconvenient both for Men and Women in many seasons of the Year. Therefore we pray that the Lines prescrib'd may be fixed and no Additions made and that Amherst may be the Shire Town, And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

WILTON, April 5, 1769.

Joseph Holt	Daniel Barker	George Coburn
Nathan Ballard	Nathan Abbot	Asa Cram
Jacob Abbot	Francis Putnam	Stephen Putnam
John Brown	Joseph Putnam	Joseph Cram
Jeremiah Abbot	Jonathan Cram	Nath^l Haseltine
Abiel Abbot	Richard Taylor	William Ball
David Blanchard	Abner Stiles	John Cram
Stephen Blanchard	Jonathan Burton	Jacob Putnam Jun^r
*Jonathan Cram	Stephen Buss	Joseph Butterfield
*David Cram	Ephraim Peabody	James Maxwell
*moses Stiles	Jacob Putnam	Amos Butterfield
*Solomon Cram	William Brown	Amos Fuller
Timothy Gray	William Pierce	*Benjamin Cram
John Burton Ju^r.	Jonathan Greele	*Ephraim Putnam juner
James Dascombe	Joseph Stiles	*George Person
Joseph Holt Ju^r.	Philip Putnam	*Jonathan Chamberlain
Jeremiah Holt	John Burton	*Ephraim Putnam
John Cram Jun^r.	Ephraim Butterfield	*Jonathan Chamberlain [jun^r
*John Caskir	*Samuel Chamberlain	
*John Stiles	*John Hutchinson	*William Carson
*John Johnston	*James Johnston	*Jacob Wellman
*James Boutell	*Osgood Carlton	*Adam Johnston
*George Gould	*Timothy Carleton	*Daniel Gould
*Melcisedek†	*John Stephenson	*Jonas Kidder
*Robert Badger	*Banjaman Dutton	*David Stephenson

Those with this mark (*) were probably Lyndeborough men.—[S. Putnam. †Illegible.

RELATIVE TO A BRIDGE OVER SOUHEGAN RIVER.

Wilton, Febʳʸ yᵉ 11—1773.

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be Convend at Exeter on the Second Wednesday in February Instant.

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly sheweth—That the Bridge (in the one Mile Slip) over the River formerly known by the Name of Souhegan River, is in Great want of being Repairᵈ or Rebuilt, that the Bridge is of Public Benefit being in the Direct way from Exeter to Charlestown No. 4 that Three Bridges, have been Erected in that Place, and Repaired from time to time at the expense of the Inhabitants of Wilton and a few other Persons—that the Inhabitants of one Mile Slip are few in Number and they think it a Hardship to be put to the Charge of it Alone—Therfore your Petitioners pray that Your Honours would take it into your wise Consideration and Direct in What Way the same shall be rebuilt—and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray—

Amos Fuller	Samuel Shelden	Stephen Buss
Ebenezer Chandler	Joseph Abbot	Jacob Abbot
Joseph Snow	William Brown	Fifield Holt
Fifield Holt Jr	Amos Holt	Mary Pettengill
Samuel Hutchinson	David Chandler	Uriah Wilkins
*Benjᵃ Lewis	*Simon Blanchard	*Jotham Blanchard
*Benᵃ Lewis Junr	*Richard Boynton	*William Pearson Junr
*Willᵐ parson	*Thomas Pearson	*Ebenezer parson
*Samuel parson	*Nathan Hutchinson	*Benjᵃ Hutchinson
*Nathan Hutchinson [Junr	†Samuel Mitchell	†William Alld

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Province of New Hampshire—George the third by the grace of God of Great Brittan France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c: To all and to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Whereas our Loyal subjects Inhabitants of a tract of Land within our Province of New-Hampshire Known by the name of No. 2, Lying on the branches of Souhegan River between Peterborough and Monson and contains five miles square, have humbly Petitioned and Requested us that they may be erected and incorporated into a township and Infranchized with the same powers and privileges which other towns within our said Province by law have and enjoy: and it appearing unto us to be condusive to the general good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done.

Those with this mark (*) undoubtedly lived in what is now Milford. Those with this mark (†) are Peterborough names.—[S. Putnam.

Know ye therefore that we of our special Grace Certain Knowledge and for the encouragement and promoting the good purposes aforesaid by and with the advies of our and well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq: our Governor and Commander in cheif and of our Council for said Province of New Hampshire have erected and ordained and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the tract of Land aforesaid and others who shall inhabit and improve thereon hereafter, the same being butted and bounded as follows viz: Beginning at the southwest corner of the premises at a white pine tree which is the north west corner of No. (1)* and runs from thence north five miles to a white ash tree marked: from thence east five miles to a strake and stones: from thence south five miles to a Chestnut tree marked: from thence west five miles to the white pine tree first mentioned: Be and hereby are declared and ordained to be a Town Corporate and are hereby Erected and Incorporated into a body Politick and Corporate to have continuance until his Majesty's Pleasure shall be further known by the name of Wilton, with all the powers, authorities, privileges, immunities and franchizes which any other town in said Province by law hold and enjoy to the said inhabitants or who shall hereafter inhabit there and their successors for said term always reserving to us our heirs and successors all White Pine trees that are or shall be found growing and being on said tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy, Reserving also to us our heirs and successors the Power and Right of dividing said town when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants thereof:

Provided Nevertheless and it is hereby declared that this charter and grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to extend or effect the private property of the soil within the limits aforesaid, and as the several towns within our said Province are by the laws thereof enabled and authorized to assemble and by the Majority of the Voters present to chuse such officers and transact such affairs as in the said laws are declared, The annual Meeting in said Town shall be held, for the choice of such officers and the purposes aforesaid, on the second Monday of March annually

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, Witness, Benning Wentworth Esq. our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province the Second day of January in the Fifth year of our Reign and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred sixty five

By his Excellencys command with advice of Council

T. Atkinson Secy. B. Wentworth

A RECORD OF WILTON PROCEEDINGS, 1768—1773.

Wilton June ye 9th day 1768 this Day it being Townmeeting at wilton & we the Subscribers attended where was the Committee from peterborough Slip to see wheather the Town of wilton would Vote to Re Ceive the East

* Now Greenville and Mason.

part of peterborough Slip or Give them haf a mild of wilton & when we Came to article mr Butterfield who was moderator would not Call for a Vote on it But Said we will a Jorn the meeting til ye 7 of July which he did the Committee a fore Sd Deziered a Coppy of their proceedings but Could not obtain it

William mansur
test
Stephen Putnam
his
Alexander O Milliken
mark

Portsmouth June 11th 1768

Whereas we the Subscribers being Agents appointed to carry on the Affair For Peterborough Slip & wilton Relative to their Petition Have agreed to Leave the whole Affair to His Execellency and Council to do as in their Wisdom and Prudence Shall think Best Praying further opportunity to Lodge Such Papers as to Give your Execellency and Honours Further Light as witness our Hands Provided Such Papers are filled before the Day appointed for the Governors & Councils Determination.

agent for Peterborough Slip — Ephraim Heald
agents for Wilton — Joseph Butterfield
James Dascombe

PETITION FROM WILTON:

addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768

We the inHabitants of wilton Humbly petition your ExCellency & Honours That the East part of peterborough Slip May Be anexed to wilton & InCorporated in to one Town with us & in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray &C

Wilton the 10 day 1768*

William mansur — Ebenezer Perry
James mansur — Jonas Perry
Abijah Perry — his Alexander O Milliken mark
Stephen farnam

REMONSTRANCE FROM THE INHABITANTS OF WILTON:

addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.

May it please your Excellency and Honrs We the Inhabitants of Wilton in said Province are notified by mr Secry Atkinson, that the Inhabitants of Peterborough Slip have lately petition'd your Excellency and Honrs for a Charter of incorporation granting Town privileges &c with Addition of one mile in wedth & the length of town to be taken off from the Town of Wilton and Added to Peterbor Slip: in Consideration whereof a Slip to be Added on the Opposite part of the Town &c.

That we may shew cause if any we have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

* The month is missing.

Therefore we take liberty to say, that the situation and Circumstances of the said Peterborough Slip was known by the late Gov^{r} & Councel at the Time said Wilton was incorporated; Notwithstanding saw fit to incorporate Wilton for a Certain Limmited Term according to its present form, and at the end of said Term granted another Charter of the like Contents (which were costly things to us) Add to this the purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq patent fix'd the boundaries of said Wilton as it is now held by Charter, and we have a Meeting house in the Center of the Town very well Situated, have been at large expence in Making highways to the same, and during the late war, many of us suffered largely, Yet being Encouraged by having our Town Continued in its present form surmounted those Difficulties: and have found means of late to defray part of the Public Charge of the Province for which reasons among many others that may be offered by our Agent, are humbly of Opinion that the prayer of the petition above refered to ought not to be granted but if it should be thought otherwise, we beg leave to suggest further that the Design of Granting an incorporation to us, which was to promote Good order, and encourage the Cultivation of our Lands will be greatly retarded, that we shall be thrown into the utmost Confusion and Disorder about our Meeting house, Bridges and highways &c Indeed our Brethren of Peterb^{o} Slip seem Conscious to themselves that taking a part from us on the West will be detrimenle to us and therefore propose to have the Mile Slip Added on the East to make amends, but we humbly beg and pray, that if any part of our Town must be taken from us that there may not be any Added to us on the Easterly part, which cannot lessen but must Augment our Difficulty—Your Excellency & Hon^{rs} will reflect upon the premises and do as your wisdom and prudence shall Direct—And we as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Wilton April 27 1768,
Joseph Holt
Philip Putnam
William Pierce
Richard Taylor
Ephraim Butterfield
James Brown
Nathan Blanchard
John Dale
Timothy Gray
Uriah Bolton
Jacob Putnam
Jonathan Cram
Timothy Dale
Nathaniel Putnam
Oliver Holt
David Kenney
Jonathan Burton
Simon Keyes

Nathan Abbot
Jotham Maynard
James Brown Jun^{r}
George Coburn
Jeremiah Holt
Jonathan Greele
Gerge Lancey
Stephen Butterfield
John Burton
Amos Butterfield
Zela Holt
Abijah Perry
Nathan Ballard
John Brown
Jeremiah Abbot
Abiel Abbot
James Maxwell
John Holt
Abner Stiles
Amos Holt

Richard Whitney
John Steel
Josiah Parker
Thomas Richardson
Joseph Stiles
Joseph Snow
Benjamin parker
Nathaniel Greele
Stephen Buss
Benja Rideout
Joseph Holt Jun^{r}
Jn^{o} Burton Jun^{r}
Jn^{o} Cumings
Joseph Putnam
William Felton
John Burton
amos Fuller
John Cram Jun^{r}
Stephen Putnam

EXTRACTS FROM PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF TEMPLE.

We the In Habitants of The west Side of wilton in S^{d} province are willing To Be annexed To The East part of peterborough Slip

Wilton April 27—1768	William Felton
Robert Mann	Stephen Putnam
James mansur	William Mansur
Stephen farnam	William Thompson

EXTRACTS FROM A PETITION OF A COMMITTEE OF THE INHABITANTS of Peterborough Slip for an act of Incorporation.

"Then running about East on New Ipswich north line To the Southeast Corner of S^{d} petersborough Slip Still East on wilton South Line the Lenght of Two Lots Then Running North Between the Eighth & Nineth Ranges of Lots in S^{d} wilton inCludeing Two Teer of Lots to LyndsBorough South Line Then Running West on wilton and peterborough Slip North Line to peterborough East Line" "allSo we Humbley pray your Excellency & Honours That the Loss of Wilton may Be made up to Them By your annexing a Tract of Land To Them on the East Side of wilton Called & Known By The Name of Mild Slip and we in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray: &: C.

peterborough Slip:
11: April 1768

Francis Blood
John Marshall
Ephraim Heald
} Committee

CHAPTER V.

THE EARLY SETTLERS.

The first settlers upon the territory now called Wilton, but originally Salem-Canada, were from Danvers, Massachusetts, and Nottingham, New Hampshire, now called Hudson. The dangers, labors and sufferings which they underwent were not unlike those to which all the pioneers of New England were subjected. Hard work, meagre fare, solitary lives, exposure to an untried climate, apprehensions from the savages, sickness and wounds without surgical or medical care, deprivation of social, intellectual and religious privileges—these and kindred ills were their lot.

For three years after the settlement began the wife of Jacob Putnam was the only woman who resided permanently in the town. During one winter such was the depth of snow in the woods, and such the distance from neighbors, that for the space of six months she saw no one but the members of her own family.

In 1739 Jacob and Ephraim Putnam, John Dale, and John Badger commenced a settlement on the southerly side of the territory thus laid out of Salem-Canada. Ephraim Putnam located on what is now Lot No. 14, in the fifth range, at the intersection of the roads near the north cemetery, and a daughter of his was the first child born in Wilton.

Jacob Putnam located on the southeast part of Lot No. 15, in the fifth range (the original boundary of the lots was a large pine tree on the north bank of the stream a short distance below the old sawmill). He built the house where Michael McCarthy now lives. It was two stories in front and one back, the front rafters being short, and the back ones long. Many of the old houses were built in that style of architecture. The house remained in that shape until it was remodeled, with some additions, by Mr. Joseph Wilson, a few years before he sold it and removed to western New York.

John Dale's first camp was near where the roads cross, east of the old house that he afterwards built, now owned by Mr. S. H. Dunbar, and that is said to be the first two-story frame house built in what was afterwards Wilton. It is lined between the outside and inside finish with bricks, for protection against the Indians. The farm remained in possession of John Dale, John Dale, Jr., and John Dale, 3d, who died April 3, 1843, and was sold at auction by the administrator in November following to Abel Fisk, Jr.

The history of another of the early settlers, John Badger, is a romantic one. We glean from Mr. Grant's History of Lyndeborough and Dr. Ephraim Peabody's Wilton Centennial the following interesting particulars:

John Badger was a native of England, and emigrated with two of his brothers, Joseph and Eliphalet, to America about 1728–9. His father was wealthy and had business for him to transact in Scotland. There he met Mary McFarland, with whom he fell in love, but his father, with the prejudice then prevailing against the Scots, forbade the connection. So the brothers were despatched to America, and settled first in Nottingham, New Hampshire. But the precaution of the father was defeated. Mary followed her lover to America, and they were married in Maine. But after some removals they came to live in Salem-Canada, and located their dwelling about a third of a mile east of John Dale's house. The swell of land on which they lived has ever since borne the name of the Badger Hill. Badger moved into his cabin in April, 1739, but the hardships of the pioneer life were too much for him. The other settlers near him went in the winter to a block-house situated on the hill northeasterly from the present glass works in Lyndeborough. But the Badgers with their three children, David, Robert and Mary — a younger one, Betsey, having died of injuries received in the burning of a house in Nottingham—remained in their cabin during the winter. Badger died of consumption in February, 1740.

Dr. E. Peabody thus tells the pathetic story in his Wilton Centennial address:

Mr. Badger died in the night. The nearest neighbor was three miles distant and the ground was covered with snow. His wife composed him on the bed as for rest, left her children (of whom she had three, the oldest but eight years of age) with their breakfast, and with strict injunctions not to awake their father, as he was asleep, and, putting on her snow-shoes, proceeded to seek assistance. That, indeed, was a dreary morning, as she went forth through the solitary woods of winter. Death is in her home,

and her children wait her return. Uphold her trembling heart, thou Father of the fatherless and the widow's God! Neighbors returned with her. A tree was hollowed out for a coffin, and so in the solitude was he committed to the earth. Death at all times comes chilling the hearts of men with awe and fear. Even in populous cities, in the midst of the throng and busy voices of life, an awful sense of solitude rests on those who witness the departure of the dying; and days and years shall pass, and they who beheld the scene shall enter that chamber with silent steps and hushed voices and a shadow over their souls. What, then, must have been her loneliness, — a solitary widow in the wilderness! She must watch by the bedside of her children alone; her tears shall be shed alone; she shall no more kneel by her husband's side to pray; his voice shall no more waken her at morning, and when the night approaches she shall unconsciously look forth to the forest, watching for his return, who shall never return again.

A single example like this shows the hardships of the first settlers of a new region better than any general description, however extended or graphic.

But the terrible hardships and trials through which Mrs. Badger passed were too much for her nervous system, and she became insane. In this condition of irresponsibleness, after a few years, she committed suicide.

David and Robert Badger settled in Lyndeborough a little north of the Badger Pond.

The descendants of the English John Badger and the Scottish Mary McFarland are widely scattered over New England and the Western States.

There is a conflict of authorities in regard to the place to which Mrs. Badger went after the death of her husband. Mr. Grant, in his History of Lyndeborough, states that she removed with her children to Nottingham. But Mrs. Mary Pettengill of Wilton, granddaughter of Mary Badger, says she went to Hollis. We cannot decide which is correct.

There is also some variation in the account of the Badger children. Mr. Grant, a grandson of David Cram and Mary Badger, in his sketch of Lyndeborough in the County History says: "The names of the children of Badger were David, Robert, Mary and Betsey, the last named of whom was the youngest and died young in consequence of injuries received in the burning of a house in Nottingham." The mother and children after the death of the father moved back to Nottingham.

Mr. Grant also says he "has attempted to gather up a few fragments of history connected with 'the first settler' of his native town from a source which will soon be removed from earth," viz.: Sarah Badger, a granddaughter of the said John Badger, who now resides on the spot where David, the son of said John, lived and died. He believes the substance of it truthful and correct.

But Mr. Sewall Putnam learned from Mrs. Hermon Pettengill, a daughter of Gideon Cram, and granddaughter of David and Mary (Badger) Cram, who had consulted records in Lyndeborough, that Mr. Badger died in February, 1740, and Mrs. Badger soon went to Hollis. And that on August 27, 1740, a daughter was born to Mrs. Badger, who was named Mary, who was the grandmother of Mrs. Pettengill, and after whom she was named. Mary Badger married David Cram, and their son David was the father of our respected townsman, David Cram.

It is desirable to be perfectly accurate in all matters of history, whether it be that of a nation or a town, but where authorities, like those above, are in conflict, the only course is to state both sides, and leave the reader to decide which has the preponderance.

CHAPTER VI.

TOWN INSTITUTIONS.

It has been said that American Liberty was born in the cabin of the Mayflower in 1620, when the Pilgrims made a covenant with one another, and signed it, as the instrument of their civil and religious polity. But its earliest effective institutions were the town church, supported by the taxes of all the people, and the town meeting, to which all freemen were admitted, and which regulated all municipal affairs. Thus more than a century before a thought was entertained of a free and independent nation, separated from the parent country, the citizens of the Colonies were virtually put to school in the knowledge and practice of public and official duties in state and church, and were trained to administer the affairs of the nation in peace and war.

De Tocqueville, in his "Democracy in America," the best work by a foreigner ever written upon our institutions, says: "In New England political life had its origin in the townships, and it may be said that each of them originally formed an independent nation.

"In the American township power has been distributed with admirable skill for the purpose of interesting the greatest possible number of persons in the common weal.

"They possess two advantages, which strongly excite the interest of mankind, namely: independence and authority.

"It is incontestably true that the tastes and habits of republican government in the United States were first created in the townships and the provincial assemblies."

A good illustration of this public spirit and interest in the common weal, which was strengthened and cherished by the township system, is found in the records of the town, dated July 15 and September 8, 1774, in which the inhabitants enter into a covenant of non-importation and non-consumption of British goods. This instrument

is given in full subsequently in the chapter on the "Revolutionary War." It seemed a trifling thing for this little community of farmer people, perched on the granite hills of a sparsely inhabited state, thus to fling defiance in the face of a great nation and its king, but it had its serious meaning and weight. The act showed a determination to repel unjust laws by sacrifices of comfort and peace, and to vindicate the cause of freedom at whatever cost. It also showed sympathy and made common cause with the sister colonies, who, suffering from the Stamp Act and taxation without representation, and other invasions of the rights of British freemen, needed the support of brethren. That same spirit, acquiring force as it proceeded, sent "the embattled farmers" to Bunker Hill and Bennington, and finally, after a war of eight years with one of the greatest powers of the old world, won the independence of the new.

TOWN MEETINGS.

These were usually held annually, the second Tuesday of March. A public notice was posted by the selectmen, informing the people when, where, and for the transaction of what business the meeting was called, and summoning the legal voters to assemble and discharge their legal duties as freemen. The assembly in early times was held in the church, but at the present day the meetings are held in a Town House, or hall, built for the purpose. A presiding officer called a Moderator was chosen, and prayer was offered by the minister of the church. A Town Clerk was elected to record the proceedings. A Board of Selectmen, usually consisting of three men, was chosen to administer the affairs of the town, relating to schools, roads, the poor, taxes, etc. A representative was chosen to the General Court, or State Legislature, also a town treasurer, town collector, superintending school committee, tithing men, constables, etc. Reports were read by the officers of the preceding year in relation to roads, schools, taxes, bridges, and all matters pertaining to the welfare of the town. Thus the town clock was wound up to run another year. It was really a democratic republic in miniature. All power sprang from the people, and was referred directly back to the people, as the legitimate source of all human authority. In these political schools the people were nurtured and strengthened for the days to come, the "times that tried men's souls." And the permanence and success of the republican system of government depend to a considerable degree upon the extension

and efficiency of the public town meeting. This is the nest egg of the political system of America.

One who long filled important offices in town, and who has been a careful observer, remarks: "I am unable to perceive where we have, in our political organizations, any that are purely democratic, except in the towns and wards. All our other organizations, city, country, state, etc., are representative, and I think only in New England is the pure town organization still retained."

TOWN DEBTS AND TOWN TAXES.

The expenses of the town for the church, schools, roads, bridges, public improvements, the poor, etc., were met by taxes levied on all property, real and personal, collected by an officer appointed for the purpose, and paid over to the treasurer, to be disbursed by orders signed by the selectmen. Unfortunately in many states since the formation of the government the township system has fallen into disuse, and so there has been in some respects a perceptible decline in municipal liberty and spirit, which augurs ill for the future of the country. Reports of public affairs are now printed, not read before the assembly of the people and submitted to their judgment. There is no discussion in the presence of the legal voters of the interests of the public. And the caucuses "cut and dry" the measures to be adopted and select the men to be chosen to office, while the town meetings only ratify what has been determined on elsewhere. The restoration of the town meeting to its primitive place and power, and its extension to all the states of the Union, would be a most beneficial agency in the progress of America. All hail the town meeting!

TOWN OFFICERS.

The following are the principal town officers from the date of the charter of the town in 1765 to 1775, when, the records having been burned, the list is not available:

1765—Moderator: James Brown. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: Ephraim Butterfield, John Dale, John Burton, Jr. Treasurer: Abiel Abbot.

1766—Moderator: Ephraim Butterfield. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: Ephraim Butterfield, Nathan Ballard, *Philip Putnam, Abner Stiles, Abiel Abbot. Treasurer: Jonathan Cram.

* Philip Putnam refused to serve as selectman, and Amos Holt was chosen in his place.

1767—Moderator: James Brown. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: Abiel Abbot, Abner Stiles, Philip Putnam, Joseph Butterfield. Treasurer: Jonathan Cram.

1768—Moderator: Ephraim Butterfield. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: James Dascomb, Joseph Butterfield, Abiel Abbot, Philip Putnam, James Maxwell. Treasurer: Jonathan Cram.

1769—Moderator: James Brown. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: John Burton, Jr., James Dascomb, Jacob Abbot. Treasurer: Jonathan Cram.

1770—Moderator: Richard Taylor. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: Jonathan Burton, Joseph Butterfield, Joseph Holt.

1771—Moderator: Richard Taylor. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: Richard Taylor, Abiel Abbot, John Burton, Jr.

1772—Moderator: Richard Taylor. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: Jacob Abbot, Abner Stiles, Jonathan Martin.

1773—Moderator: Jonathan Burton. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: William Abbot, Jonathan Burton, Joseph Butterfield.

1774—Moderator: Joseph Holt. Town Clerk: John Burton, Jr. Selectmen: Joseph Holt, William Abbot, Jacob Adams.

1775—Moderator: Joseph Holt. Town Clerk: Jacob Abbot. Selectmen: Abiel Abbot, Philip Putnam, Nathan Ballard.

PETITION FOR TOWN REPRESENTATION.

To the Honorable Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled—

The Petition of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Towns of Lyndeborough & Wilton, Humbly Sheweth That Wilton, Lyndborough, the one Mile Slip & Duxbury School Farm, by the Convention of this State, in the 1775, were annexed to make one representation, — That sensible of the Importance of the General Cause, in which we are engaged, we have hitherto, patienly Submited to the Disadvantages of an Inadequate Representation, rather than Interupt the Honorable Court by Petitioning for a Redress — But hoping you may have a leisure Moment, that you may improve in attending to our situation — We beg leave to lay before your Honors the following facts — That in Wilton, there are 154 Rateable Polls, In Lyndsborough 180, and in the one Mile Slip and Duxbury School Farm 19, all which make 353 — That from the North west

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part of Lyndsborough, to the South side of the one Mile Slip, (following the most Publick Road), is about 19 Miles, and that to every 1000£, Paid by this State the afore^{sd} Places Pay 17£., 3 .. 11 . 3, — And that when the Representative is Chosen in one of the Towns, it is Impossible for the other Town to Vote with propriety in the Choice, Being ignorant of the abilities of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town — add to this, their Ignorance of the Proceedings of the Geneal Court, and consequently of their Political duty. Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Supplicate your Honors to grant to Lyndsborough and Wilton, the Priviledge of a Seperate Representation — And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray,

Dated at Wilton Octo^{br} 5th 1780

Jacob Abbot
Eben^{r} Rockwood
William Abbot Jr } Committee for Wilton

David Badger
Levi Spalding
William Barron } Committee for Lyndsborough

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF WILTON SINCE ITS INCORPORATION IN 1762.

	Years of Service:
James Brown, 1762, 63	2
John Dale, 1762, 64, 65	3
John Cram, 1762	1
Ebenezer Perry, 1763	1
Jacob Putnam, 1763	1
Ephraim Butterfield, 1764–66	3
John Burton, Jr., 1764, 65, 67, 69, 71	5
Nathan Ballard, 1766, 75	2
Amos Holt, 1766	1
Abiel Abbot, 1766–68, 71, 75, 82, 83, 92–95	11
Philip Putnam, 1767, 68, 75	3
Joseph Butterfield, 1767, 68, 70, 73	4
James Dascomb, 1768, 69, 81	3
Abner Stiles, 1766, 67, 72	3
James Maxwell, 1768	1
In the years 1766, 67, 68 there were five selectmen elected.	
Jacob Abbot, 1769, 72	2
Jonathan Burton, 1770, 73, 77, 79, 82, 83, 86–90, 93–95	14
Joseph Holt, 1770, 74, 77	3
Richard Taylor, 1771, 76	2
Jonathan Martin, 1772, 80	2
William Abbot, Jr., 1773, 74, 78, 80, 84–90	11
Jacob Adams, 1774, 76	2
Simon Keyes, 1776	1
John Dale, Jr., 1777, 84, 85	3
Samuel Greele, 1778	1

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF WILTON.—CONTINUED.

	Years of Service:
Joshua Blanchard, 1778	1
Moses Putnam, 1779, 91–93	4
Archalaus Batchelder, 1779	1
Richard Whitney, 1780	1
Jeremiah Abbot, 1781	1
Abraham Burton, 1781–83, 94, 95	5
Joseph Abbot, Jr., 1784, 85	2
Samuel Lovejoy, 1786	1
Daniel Lovejoy, 1787	1
Samuel Greele, Jr., 1788, 89, 90	3
Jonathan Livermore, 1791	1
Barachias Abbot, 1791, 92	2
Abiel Wilson, 1796–1812, 15	18
Joseph Holt, Jr., 1796—1808, 15	14
Eliphalet Putnam, 1796–1805	10
William Pettengill, 1806–1808	3
Isaac Spalding, 1809	1
Richard T. Buss, 1809	1
Lewis Smith, 1810, 11, 13, 14, 27	5
Ephraim Peabody, 1810–15	6
Ezra Abbot, 1812, 16, 17	3
Jonathan Burton, Jr., 1813, 14, 16–24, 25, 26, 28, 32, 39	15
John Mack, 1816–22	7
John Stevens, 1818–23	6
Oliver Whiting, 1823–26, 28	5
Asa Stiles, 1823	1
Jonathan Parkhurst, 1824, 26, 27, 29, 33, 34, 42–48, 51–54	14
Amos Holt, Jr., 1825	1
Timothy Abbot, 1827	1
Abram Whittemore, 1828, 40, 41	3
Joel Abbot, 1829–31	3
Oliver Perham, 1829–31	3
Daniel Batchelder, 1830–36	7
Timothy Gray, 1832	1
Oliver Barrett, 1833–38, 43–46, 56	11
Joseph B. Howard, 1835–37	3
Moses Lovejoy, Jr., 1837–39, 40, 43–46	8
Asa Stiles, Jr., 1838, 39	2
Sewall Putnam, 1840, 42–45, 47, 49, 50, 55	9
Jabez Goldsmith, 1841	1
Hermon Pettengill, 1841, 42	2
David Cram, 1847–50	4
Mark N. Spalding, 1848	1
Samuel Shelden, 1849, 50	2
Isaac Abbot, 1851	1

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF WILTON.—CONTINUED.

	Years of Service:
Harris Abbot, 1851	1
William Lane, 1852	1
Joseph Wilson, 1852–54	3
Samuel N. Center, 1853, 71, 72	3
Theron Russell, 1854, 55	2
Hervey Putnam, 1855	1
Moses Clark, 1856	1
Pierce Gage, 1856	1
Lewis Howard, 1857–59	3
William Emerson, 1857, 58, 73	3
Nathan Flint, 1857	1
Hermon Abbot, 1858–62, 71	6
George Buss, 1859, 60	2
Calvin B. Dascomb, 1860	1
Harvey A. Whiting, 1861–65	5
Jacob Putnam, 1861, 63, 64	3
John D. Wilson, 1862, 76	2
Samuel French, 1863, 64	2
Samuel Barrett, 1865, 66	2
Charles Hesselton, 1865–68, 70, 73	6
Artemas Putnam, 1866, 67	2
David A. Gregg, 1867, 68	2
Isaac K. Davis, 1868, 69	2
David Gregg, 1869	1
George F. Holt, 1869	1
Joshua Rideout, 1870	1
Daniel Cragin, 1870–72, 74, 75	5
Levi A. Pierce, 1872	1
George S. Fowler, 1873–75	3
William D. Stearns, 1874–79	6
George H. Keyes, 1876, 78–81	5
George B. Preble, 1877, 82	2
John B. Hickey, 1877–79	3
John A. McGregor, 1880, 81	2
Calvin H. Lewis, 1880–82	3
Charles E. Barrett, 1882, 83	2
Lewis W. Perham, 1883, 84, 87	3
William H. Barnes, 1883, 84	2
George A. Rideout, 1884–86	3
George I. Doe, 1885–87	3
Stephen H. Dunbar, 1886	1
George M. Hartshorn, 1887	1

STATE SENATORS FROM WILTON:

Timothy Abbot, 1846,
Joseph Newell, 1865, '66,
Daniel Batchelder, 1849, '50,
Charles H. Burns, 1873, '78.

REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.

Jacob Abbot and Jonathan Martin were representatives in the Provincial Congress in 1774.

REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAN COURT.

In 1776 Wilton, Lyndeborough, Mile Slip and Duxbury School Farm were classed together for representation. The petition for separate representation is dated October 5, 1780. During the six years they were classed together they were represented by Jacob Abbot in 1775; in 1776 and 1777 by Francis Epps; December 27, 1777, Abiel Abbot was elected, December 16, 1778, Captain Nathaniel Batchelder was elected; December 15, 1779, Abiel Abbot was elected; June 13, 1781, William Abbot, Jr., was elected. From that time until 1801 William Abbot, Jr., Abiel Abbot, and Philip Putnam were the representatives, but of what particular years we have no records to show. Philip Putnam was elected in 1801, '02, '03, '04, '05; Abiel Wilson 1806–1814, inclusive; Ephraim Peabody, 1815, '16. Mr. Peabody died on July 5, 1816, and Abiel Wilson was elected to serve at the November session, and was re-elected in 1817, 1818 and 1819; John Stevens, 1820–1823; Samuel Abbot, 1824, '25, '27 and '28; Jonathan Burton, 1826 and 1829; Joel Abbot, 1830, '31, '32 and '38; Daniel Batchelder, 1835, '36 and '37; Abram Whittemore, 1833, '34, '39, '40 and '41; Oliver Barrett, 1842, '43 and '50; Timothy Abbot, 1844; David Cram, 1845, '46 and '47; Abiel Abbot, 1849; Jonathan Parkhurst, 1850 and '51; William Lane, 1852; 1853, voted not to send; Elbridge F. Perkins, 1854; Warren Keyes, 1855; Benjamin Baker, 1856 and '57; George L. Dascombe, 1858 and '59; Timothy Parkhurst, 1860 and '62; William Barrett, 1861; Samuel Barrett, 1863 and '64; Harvey A. Whiting, 1865 and '66; Jacob Putnam and George O. Whiting, 1867 and '68; Joel Hesselton and Francis Green, 1869 and '70; Emery P. Thayer and Levi A. Pierce, 1871 and '72; Oliver Clark and James L. Hardy, 1873; Oliver Clark and David A. Gregg, 1874; David A. Gregg and Daniel Cragin, 1875; Daniel Cragin and George S. Neville, 1876; David Gregg and David Whiting, 1877.

In 1878 the Constitution was amended, and the election of State and County officers was made biennial. At the election in November, 1878, after balloting three times, voted to indefinitely postpone

the article. George H. Blood and David E. Proctor were elected in 1880; James L. Hardy, 1882; William D. Stearns, 1884; Josiah Freeman, 1886.

VOTES FOR GOVERNOR, COMMENCING 1852.

1852—Noah Martin, 119; Thomas E. Sawyer, 70; John Atwood, 73.
1853—Noah Martin, 131; James Bell, 67; John H. White, 68.
1854—Nathaniel B. Baker, 126; James Bell, 66; Jared Perkins, 78; Scattering, 1.
1855—Ralph Metcalf, 156; Nathaniel B. Baker, 121; Scattering, 14.
1856—Ralph Metcalf, 152; John S. Wells, 157; Scattering 1.
1857—William Haile, 174; John S. Wells, 153; Scattering 1.
1858—William Haile, 170; Asa P. Cate, 158.
1859—Ichabod Goodwin, 175; Asa P. Cate, 166.
1860—Ichabod Goodwin, 182; Asa P Cate, 172.
1861—Nathaniel S. Berry, 167; George Stark, 165.
1862—Nathaniel S. Berry, 165; George Stark, 157.
1863—Joseph A. Gilmore, 144; Ira A. Eastman, 161; Walter Harriman, 20.
1864—Joseph A. Gilmore, 175; Edward W. Harrington, 177.
1865—Frederick Smyth, 168; Edward W. Harrington, 173.
1866—Frederick Smyth, 174; John G. Sinclair, 189.
1867—Walter Harriman, 171; John G. Sinclair, 202.
1868—Walter Harriman, 196; John G. Sinclair, 253.
1869—Onslow Stearns, 202; John Bedell, 235.
1870—Onslow Stearns, 199; John Bedell, 200; Scattering, 2.
1871—James Pike, 196; James A. Weston, 249, elected by the Legislature.
1872—Ezekiel A. Straw, 204; James A. Weston, 247; Scattering, 2.
1873—Ezekiel A. Straw, 196; James A. Weston, 239; Scattering, 5.
1874—James A. Weston, 222; Luther McCutchins, 200; Scattering, 4.
1875—Person C. Cheney, 192; Hiram R. Roberts, 256; Scattering, 3.
1876—Person C. Cheney, 201; Daniel Marcy, 245.
1877—Benjamin F. Prescott, 197; Daniel Marcy, 229.
1878—Benjamin F. Prescott, 184; Frank A. McKean, 247.

1880—Charles H. Bell, 204; Frank Jones, 240.
1882—Samuel W. Hale, 147; Martin V. B. Edgerly, 214.
1884—Moody Currier, 171; John M. Hill, 253; L. D. Mason, 4.
1886—Charles H. Sawyer, 143; Thomas Cogswell, 245; Joseph Wentworth, 1.

After the Constitution was amended, a law was passed that constituted a Board of Supervisors for making and supervising the check list. They are chosen at the November election.

SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS.

1878—David Gregg, Joshua F. Frye, George W. Boynton.
1880—Joshua F. Frye, Michael P. Stanton, George W. Boynton.
1882—James Sheldon, John B. Hickey, Jacob Putnam.
1884—John B. Hickey, Artemas O. Barker, Sumner Blanchard.

CHAPTER VII.

MANNERS AND CUSTOMS.

A whole world of habits and usages, once in active exercise in New England rural life has passed away almost entirely, never to return. Increased population, centering in larger villages and cities, labor-saving machinery, increase of manufactures, the division of labor, change of occupations, rail-road, telegraphic and telephonic intercourse, the influx of foreigners with different habits, and the emigration of the native-born Yankee to the west and south, have disintegrated and swept away the manners and customs of fifty or a hundred years ago. The pioneer days and habits are gone. Society has grown less neighborly, but more philanthropic. Association has taken the place of individualism. Man has lost something which mankind has gained. The huskings, quiltings, wood-haulings, chopping-bees, sleigh-rides, hunting-matches, afternoon tea-parties, raisings, house-warmings,—all have passed into history. Instead, we have picnics, Sunday school and otherwise, sea-side, mountain, and rail-road excursions, camping out for pleasure where once it was extreme necessity, country weeks, granges, lodges, summer boarding, the European or Pacific coast trip, church suppers and sociables, fairs and expositions to the end of the chapter. Men and women live less in private and more in public. Everything is interviewed, reported and published. The fierce light that once beat upon thrones and palaces now beats upon the cottage and the cabin. All the world is knowing what every body is saying, doing, and planning.

But before the memory of the olden times wholly perishes, it is well to record the picture of what has already gathered somewhat of the hoar of antiquity. The age of Puritanism is no more. The nineteenth century, even, is almost closed. New leaves are turning and new pages opening in life's great book. The institution of

slavery is not the only one that has perished in America. Other institutions and long-time customs, the growth of centuries, have yielded to modern innovation and are numbered with the past. *Ilium fuit.*

In this chapter the recollections of Mrs. Allan and Dr. Abbot portray to the life the Puritan age of New England. But many things have escaped their recall.

The custom of boarding round was still in vogue when I* kept the district school two winters, in my dear old native town of Wilton. By this means the term of instruction was lengthened, and the families of the district, by their hospitality, gained a better acquaintance with the teacher. In the evening the scholars could be aided by the master in their lessons. The best the house afforded was set before the school master, and it was well if he did not contract dyspepsia by the pies and cakes and rich viands that were urged upon his not reluctant appetite. But the custom of boarding round is now no more, unless in some of the remote districts.

In the early days when population was sparse, and the neighbors few and far between, it was a necessity to reinforce the individual strength by gathering numbers together on occasion and doing the work of weeks and months in a single day. When, therefore, the big heap of corn on the barn floor was to be husked, what so natural as to turn the drudgery into a festival, call in the neighbors, make a feast, have a good time, and do in one bright evening, with young and old, and in brisk activity, and scarcely feeling the fatigue, what would have otherwise dragged its slow length along for days and days in solitary and uncheered task-work? So, too, with getting up the year's wood-pile, many teams and many hands made quick work of the formidable job, and then a bountiful supper, a hearty expression of gratitude by the host, and a merry dispersion homewards, relieved the monotony of hum-drum existence and eased the hard tasks of manual labor.

Especially was this the case with the more important events of raising a house, barn, or church. The summons went forth far and wide. Even neighboring towns sent their volunteers. The country side was astir with expectation. On the eventful day people flocked in, in wagons, and on horse-back, men, women and children from every converging road and forest path to the scene of interest. Old friends met and renewed their acquaintance, young lads and

* A. A. L.

Harvey A Whiting

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lassies modestly looked at one another for the first time, and made the measurement silently of character and worth. The business in hand went rapidly forward. The master workman and his men soon raised the timbers to their places and "brought forth the headstone thereof with shoutings."* The mighty roofs of the olden time, the huge beams, the king posts, the heavy sills and spars, required altogether different management from the umbrella-like frames of modern fashion. The first-growth timber was solid and gigantic, and the buildings were made to stand for generations. It demanded the co-operation of a large number of men to raise a house, barn, or church.

And in doors, as well as out, the same custom of union in work, and of converting toil into festivity was adopted by the Puritan daughters. The sewing-bee and the quilting-party were fashionable. Every household at some time assembled the neighbors, and devoted the afternoon to these useful works, and called in their husbands and brothers to a social tea and a merry evening. Many of the ancient houses have heirlooms of the past in the quilts, counterpanes, and homespun carpets wrought in these industrious merry-makings.

So simple, yet so graphic, a picture of the New England manners and customs of the earlier times is given by one of the honored sons of Wilton, Dr. Abiel Abbot, that we quote it entire. It is contained in the appendix to the Wilton Centennial Address:

"I will say a word about Sunday of olden times. On Saturday evening the work of the week was finished. My father, after washing and putting on a skillet of water, would get his razor and soap, sit down by the fire and take off his beard; after which he would take his Bible, or sometimes some other book. My mother after washing the potatoes, etc., and preparing for Sunday food, used to make hasty-pudding for supper, which was eaten in milk, or, if that was wanting, with butter and molasses. The little children were put to bed; early in the evening my father read a chapter in the Bible and offered a prayer, soon after which, the younger part of the family and the hired help went to bed; indeed the family went to rest every night soon after supper, especially in the summer. Saturday night, and Sunday, and Sunday night a perfect stillness—no play going on, no laughing. Those of us who were old enough

* Zechariah IV. 7.

took the Testament, or learned the Catechism or a hymn; and read in the Testament or Primer to father or mother, in the morning. For breakfast, when we had sufficient milk, we had bread and milk; when this failed, bean and corn porridge was the substitute. Sometime after the Revolutionary war, for Sunday morning tea and toast were often used. As we lived at a distance from meeting (nearly three miles), those who walked set out pretty soon after nine o'clock, and those who rode on horseback were obliged to start soon after them; the roads and pole bridges were very bad, and the horses always carried double, and often a child in the mother's lap, and sometimes another on the pommel of the saddle before the father. All went to meeting, except some one to keep the house and take care of the children who could not go to church or take care of themselves at home. The one that staid at home was instructed when to put the pudding, pork and vegetables into the pot for supper after meeting. Those who went to meeting used to put into their pockets for dinner some short-cake or doughnuts and cheese. We used to get home from meeting at four o'clock, often much later. Immediately the women set the table, and the men took care of the horses, and in the winter, of the cattle, sheep, pigs, etc. In the short days it would often be sundown before, or very soon after, we got home. The sled with oxen was often used for meeting when the snow was deep, or by those who did not keep a horse. After supper the children and younger part of the family were called together and read in the Testament and Primer, and if there was time, said their Catechism (the Assembly's) and some short hymns and prayers. Soon after this, in the summer, before my father read in the Bible and offered prayer, the cows were brought from the pasture and milked. No work was performed except what was absolutely necessary; the dishes for breakfast and supper were left unwashed till Monday. Every person in the town able to go to meeting went; if any were absent, it was noticed, and it was supposed that sickness was the reason. If anyone was absent three or four Sundays, the tything-man would make him a visit; this, however, was a rare case. The Sabbath was not unpleasant to me; early habit, I suppose, rendered the restraint by no mean sirksome. I do not recall feeling gloomy, or disposed to play, or wishing Sunday was gone or would not come. I do not think of anything more to say about Sunday, except that the meeting-house was well filled.

"Now what more shall I say? A word about schools. These were poor enough. We used to read, spell, write and cipher after a sort. Our teachers were not taught. The Primer, Dilworth's spelling book, and the Bible or Testament were the books. No arithmetic; the ciphering was from the master's manuscript. My father became sensible that the schools were useless, and in the winter of 1782 hired Mr. John Abbot, who was then a sophomore in college, to teach a month or five weeks in his vacation, and invited the district to send their children gratis. This gave a new complexion to the school in the south district; and for a number of years after, qualified teachers were employed about eight weeks in the winter, usually scholars from college. Soon after the improvement in the south district, some of the other districts followed in the same course. To this impulse, I think, we may impute the advance of Wilton before the neighboring towns in education, good morals and sound theology. I venerate my father and mother, more for their anxiety and sacrifices to give their children the best education, literary and religious, in their power, than for anything else. And it gives me, as I have no doubt it did them, and must you and all the rest of their descendants, the highest satisfaction that their desires were so well gratified, and their labors successful. Their children, grand-children, and so on to the twentieth generation will have reason to bless the memory of parents of such true worth.

"Now for something else. For breakfast in olden times were bread and milk, as soon as the cows were milked, for all the family. When milk failed, bean porridge with corn. About nine o'clock there was a "baiting" or luncheon of bread and cheese, or fried pork and potatoes. For dinner a good Indian pudding, often in it blueberries and suet; pork and beef through the winter and spring; potatoes, turnip and cabbage, etc. At four or five o'clock p. m., in the summer some bread and cheese or the like. For supper bread and milk. When milk failed, milk porridge, hasty pudding and molasses, bread and molasses, bread and beer, etc. When there was company to entertain, chocolate for breakfast; no coffee.

"Pewter basins or porringers and sometimes wooden bowls were used when spoons were required; trenchers or wooden plates were used at dinner; when a friend dined, pewter plates were used by father and mother and the friend. You probably remember the pewter platters and plates usually standing on the shelves. None

but pewter spoons. The cup for beer was pewter. After which came the brown mug. If a neighbor came in for any purpose, he was asked to drink beer or cider. When women visited their neighbors, they went early in the afternoon, carried their work, and returned home before sundown to take care of milking the cows, and so forth. Their entertainment was commonly shortcake baked by the fire, and tea, except in the early part of the Revolutionary war. For the visit they often put on a clean chequered apron and handkerchief and short loose gown.

"In the winter several of the neighbors would meet for a social evening, and would have a supper. There were no select parties; all were neighbors in the Scripture sense. The maid and boy in the family, the same as the children in all respects. I do not recollect ever hearing a profane word in my father's family from any of his hired men, nor at school at Wilton or Andover academy. I do not think that profane language was used by any in the town till after the Revolutionary war. Industry and economy were the order of the times. I do not remember seeing my father or mother angry; they were sometimes displeased, no doubt. My father in the winter used to go to Salem or Marblehead to market with shooks, hogshead staves, rye, pork, butter, etc., and procure salt, molasses, tea, rum, etc., for the year, as there were no traders in the new town. Rum was not used except in haying and harvest, and on particular occasions of hard service and exposure, such as washing sheep, burning large pieces of woodland, etc. Intoxication was very rare; I do not remember more than one man being intoxicated. Rum was commonly used at raising buildings; half a gill was a good dram. After raising a building, if finished before night, the amusements were wrestling, goal, quoits, etc. Goal was the favorite play with boys the day after Thanksgiving, and election days, which were all the holidays I remember. Good humor and cheerfulness always prevailed in our family, and it was generally so, I believe."

Speaking of the mothers, the same writer as above says: "They came to houses not finished, not painted, not ceiled, as we see them now; they had no parlor, no carpets, no curtains, no sofa; for some of these every-day conveniences they had no word in their vocabulary. But they were happy,—happiness is the property of mind. They took good care of the household. They wrought flax and wool; the card, the spinning-wheel and the loom were the fur-

niture of the house. All were clothed with domestic products; articles were also made for the market. They were healthy and strong; they and their daughters were not enfeebled by luxuries and delicacies, nor with working muslins and embroidery; tea and cake were rarely used; coffee was unknown. Their dress was plain, and adapted to the season and their business; one dress answered for the day and the week. Their living and dress produced no consumption as now.

"Our fathers and mothers were benevolent, hospitable and kind; the stranger was received, as in the most ancient time, with a hearty welcome. In their own neighborhood and town, they were all brothers and sisters. There was an admirable equality, a home-feeling and a heart-feeling among all. Their visits were not formal, ceremonious and heartless, but frank, cheerful and cordial. Their sympathy for the sick, unfortunate and distressed was expressed by their ready assistance and kindly affectioned help. When prosperous all partook in the common joy; when sickness or calamity befell any, all were affected, the sorrow was mutual, and aid and relief, as far as possible, were afforded. They were indeed one family—all members of one sympathizing body."

The following reminiscences are by the late Mrs. Achsah (Sawyer) Allan of Marion, Maine: "I received a postal from Wilton saying, if sufficient encouragement is given it is proposed to publish a history of Wilton. It would be very pleasing to me to read the history. Had I the pen of a ready writer in my advanced age, I should enjoy giving to the history early recollections of my life in that town. The little I can give in my capacity is meagre compared with able writers, and what I write may be written by others, that will give clearer views in a more concise manner, yet I will try to state some of my early recollections from a child to twenty years of age, when I left for one of the eastern counties of Maine.

"My father, Nathaniel Sawyer, a Revolutionary soldier of three years, married, came to Wilton in 1781, commenced on the farm now owned by Henry Gray. He toiled eighteen years on his farm. Hon. Jacob Abbot traded in the town, when my father moved there. He kept a full supply of goods for a country town. He was a man of unblemished character, ever ready for every good work. When he left the town it was considered a great loss to the people. The name he generally went by was 'Esquire Jacob,' which I heard from my parents. He closed his business about 1797. My father

began business in his stead, as a store was very much needed. He built the store which, I presume, stands close to the dwelling house of Mr. Gray, and about 1796 or 1797 he filled it. The old books which I have in my possession show that his trade was good. I see many names of persons from all the surrounding or adjoining towns who traded at his store, or rather exchanged produce for goods, such as butter, cheese, pork, beans, rye, oats, flax-seed, ashes, etc. Here is a small sample of a bill I took off, of charges, etc., dated February, 1803:

Debtor to Nathaniel Sawyer.

		£	s.	d.
Feb.	3. 1 lb sugar 1s; 1 mug of toddy 1s.	0	2	0
	6. 1 qt new rum	0	1	5
	10. ½ pt brandy; 1 mug flip	0	2	0
	13. credit to 2½ bushels of ashes at 9d.	0	1	11
	14. 2 qts of new rum 2s. 9d.; 1 qt. molasses 1s.	0	3	9
	20. 2 yds calico 6s.; 1 fur hat	1	2	6
	23. 1 qt gin 2s. 6d.; 1 lb. Shells 1s.	0	3	6

Credit by 27 bushels of oats at 1s. 6d. per bushel, 2 bushels of beans.

"Federal money had not taken the place of pounds, shillings and pence, but came into use soon after.

"It was common to go to the store with small articles of produce to exchange for goods. It was often a little stimulant would be called for, with the mistaken idea that it would lighten the cares, and labor would be more easily borne. Very few accounts were entered without many charges of the vile beverage. The mug held a quart; the half-mug, a pint. In winter flip was commonly called for, which was made from beer. An iron called the 'hottle' was kept hanging in the fire-place to have it quickly heated to warm the beer. West India rum with loaf sugar, a toasted cracker, and nutmeg grated over it, made a drink worth the price. 'Toddy' was a mixture of rum, sugar and water, with other fixings if required. 'Blackstrap' was simply rum and molasses. Spirituous liquors were anciently much used in good families. No collection of people, no parties, no benefits to a neighbor such as huskings, etc., were held but something stronger must be served than the precious ale which was drawn from the well. Who would have thought of holding a glass of pure cold water to the lips of a poor sick child or friend sick with a fever? No cooking stoves were used before 1815, in the families, but fire-places were large enough to admit a large log at the back with another not so large on the andiron in front, with a good supply of wood on the top. These made a fire that

was a joy to all the family, and often a pine knot would be an addition to make a little more light for the children to study their lessons by, for the morrow's school. Our brooms were made from the yellow birch, stripped; at times we had to use small hemlock twigs.

"The schools were well attended, considering the distance to walk. There was some very cold weather, which made cold hands and feet, to say little of ears and noses. Such an article as a thermometer was not known to us children. No doubt we had zero weather with quite a number of degrees below. Children were not provided with the warm clothing that they are blest with now-a-days, yet they were punctual at school.

"Teachers many times boarded in different families, to lengthen the school. The summer schools passed off with little variation; sewing was taught with reading and spelling. The lesson was learned from Perry's spelling book; this was the guiding star from 1807 to 1812.

"The larger scholars in the winter schools required help from the teachers more than the small ones; they had to be a grade by themselves. The school-house that was built near the old meeting-house is nearly ninety years old. I attended school in it seventy-eight years ago. The district was large then.

"In 1816 a school-house was built on the extreme west part of Mr. Gilman Mansur's field, on the north side of the road; since then a new house has been built about a half a mile toward the French village. Such a thing as bringing a pail of water into a school-room would have been thought out of order. How many times the scholars had to run to the well which belonged to the house, later owned by Dr. Parkhurst; how sweet the water would taste from the 'moss-covered bucket' that hung to the sweep, ready to drop into the well. We could rest it on the curb and slake our thirst. A dish or tumbler was not provided in those days.

"The old meeting-house on the common! how many have worshipped in it. I can see them now in imagination almost eighty years ago.

"I can hear the voices of Mr. Joshua Blanchard, Dea. John Burton, Mr. Jeremiah Abbot; what alto sounds Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Abbot produced. Deacon Burton had a strong tenor voice, and the pastor, Rev. Thomas Beede, was one that could perform his part well.

"The old meeting-house where our fathers worshipped, how sad that it was destroyed by ruthless hands! How many times I have sat, when quite a child, looking at the golden dove, wondering she did not fly and find some other resting place than on the sounding-board.

"Many times I sat with cold hands and feet, wishing the long sermons would end. The foot-stove would be passed from one to another, to keep the feet comfortable; yet the pews were very well filled, very few staid from church in those days. A warmer meeting-house was not conceived of then. The town was mostly settled by farmers. Every family manufactured their own cloth; they could raise the wool, and the female part of the family could card, spin and weave it. It was very hard work for the shoulders to draw the wool through the cards, and not unfrequently there would be parties among the young people to help each other in breaking wool, which was considered half carded, when they had finished their afternoon work.

"Then Uncle Nathan Martin would find his way to the house. Though blind he could fiddle. Very few in those days but could trip 'the light fantastic toe' if accompanied by Uncle Nathan's violin.

"Every day's wear was of home manufacture. Such articles of comfort as undershirts, drawers, and even lined pants I never heard mentioned before 1812. The first carding machine near Wilton was in New Ipswich, not earlier than 1808. Wool was carried there to be carded. Flax was raised by the majority of farmers. Summer clothing was mostly made from flax and cotton.

"Anciently I never heard of any dissension of religious opinions until 1808. The first minister of the town asked his dismission. Why, I never heard, but I always heard him spoken of as a truly good man. He never wasted words; whatever he said he meant. He was once conversing with a friend about the cost of a liberal education. Said he, 'Had I known that my son, whom I have educated, would have chosen a legal profession, I never should have expended so much for him.' His friend made answer to him, 'It is possible for lawyers to be Christians.' 'I believe it,' said he, 'but it is very rare.'

"His death was very sudden. Soon after he had retired one night something unusual appeared in his breathing. His wife spoke

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to him, he made no answer; she went for a light, and when she returned life had departed. He was the first person buried in the South cemetery.

Rev. Abel Fisk was the next minister. I think he was very much beloved by the people and they felt his loss. Rev. Thomas Beede was the next ordained minister. Some of the people were so pleased that they expressed themselves as having their loss more than made up to them. Mr. Beede was a gentleman who could win the youth by his teachings in school, and out of school, his kindness in various ways, his judicious advice in little difficulties, his readiness to render assistance to the needy, which if it could not always be in deeds was always in words of encouragement which had the effect to do good. How many have been blest in their education by his efforts, not only for minor schools, but many for their collegiate course. The few advantages with which I was blessed I owe to Mr. and Mrs. Beede. He was my first teacher and my last, in school.

"Mrs. Beede was a lady with whom one could not get acquainted without loving her as a friend. In everything good she was ever active; in disappointments or crosses she ever gave advice charitably. In 1811 Mr. Beede invited all the children who would like to learn to sing to meet at the school-house near the meeting-house, and he would instruct them. At the day appointed there was a great turnout. The school was quite a success, there were some most excellent voices. It did not take long to learn the rules for vocal music in those days; the rising and falling of the notes were soon accomplished. The first tune practised was 'Little Marlborough,' the second was 'Plymouth.' When we could call the notes to those tunes, we imagined ourselves quite singers, with the praise of our instructor. Very few of that school are left to remember it now. In the ministry of Mr. Fisk they had what is termed congregational singing. They sang from David's Psalms. The Deacon would read a line, commence the tune, all the people would follow him, then another line, and they would finish the psalm in that way. At last the younger singers wished to improve, and a Mr. Herrick was hired to teach. He had three sessions a day, the tunes were lively and they had a great interest in them. After a while they had a desire for instrumental music with the singing. This was most bitterly opposed by a number of men advanced in years. They would leave the church every time singing commenced. Their

prejudice was so strong against it they would not stop to hear it. One said he did not wish to hear the devil's fiddle (bass-viol) played on at any place. He could not bear to hear it in church. Another did not like the devil's baboon (bassoon). At last one of these men joined the Baptist church in Mason; it was some years before the Baptist church was organized in Wilton.

"There was one veteran who was very much prejudiced against a certain minister who exchanged with Mr. Beede. The old gentleman did not mind him when he seated himself in the body seats. He started for the door, as soon as he found who was to preach. As he passed to the door, a man said to him, 'Stay and hear the rest.' He replied, 'The de'il a bit of it, I have heard enough of it already.'"

CHAPTER VIII.

COLONIAL DOINGS—THE CHARTER—A PROVINCIAL TAX-WARRANT—EXTRACTS FROM TOWN RECORDS.

The charter of the Town of Wilton was renewed Jan. 2, 1765, and was a copy of the charter dated June 25, 1762 (heretofore given under the head of "Proprietary History"), as far as to and including the words, "and transact such affairs as in the said laws are declared." The remainder of the charter is as follows:

The annual meeting in said town, shall be held for the choice of said officers and the purposes aforesaid on the second Monday in March annually.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, Witness Benning Wentworth Esq. our Govenor and Commander in Chief of our said Province the second day of January in the fifth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred sixty-five.

By his Excellencys Command with advice of Council

B. Wentworth.

T. Atkinson Jun. Clerk.

Province of New Hampshire.

May 24th, 1765. Recorded in the Book of Charters Page 279 & 280.

PROVINCIAL TAX WARRANT.

The following seems to be the first provincial tax warrant to be found in the town records:

(L S) *Province of New Hampshire.* } *To the Selectmen of Wilton in the Province of New Hampshire for the current year, 1765.*

Pursuent to acts of the general Assembly of said Province, for the assessing, levying and collecting the taxes granted to his most Excellent Majesty within said Province and for the Apportioning and Payment thereof into the Treasury of said Province:

You are therefore in his Majesty's name herby required to assess the Polls & Estates within said Wilton liable by law to be taxed, the particu-

lar sums in Bills of Credit of said Province & in Proclamation money as herein prescribed & pay the same into the Treasury of said Province or cause the same to be paid by the twenty fifth day of December next ensuing the date hereof, namely the sum of seven Pounds ten Shillings in New tenor bills of Credit of said Province. You shall direct the Constable or Collector of said Wilton who shall have said sums or any part thereof to collect to receive of the Inhabitants of said Wilton, if said Inhabitants see fit, their respective assessments of said sum. in said Bills of Credit according to their several Denominations, or in coined Silver at Six Shillings & eight pence pr ounce, Troy weight of Sterling Alloy or in coind Gold at four Pounds Eighteen Shillings pr. ounce or in the following commodities being merchantable and of the produce or manufacture of said Province, viz: Bar Iron at five Pounds pr hundred Weight, Hemp at three Shillings pr Pound, Indian corn at ten Shillings pr. Bushel, Rye at ten Shillings pr Bushel, Peas at one pound pr Bushel, Winter wheat at one Pound five Shillings pr Bushel, Barley at ten Shillings pr Bushel, Pork at one Shilling pr pound, Beef at nine pence pr pound, Flax at three Shillings pr pound, Bees wax at five Shillings pr pound, Bay berry wax at three Shillings six pence pr pound, Winter and Spring Cod Fish at four Pounds pr Quintal, Pitch at three Pounds ten Shillings pr Barrel, Tar at two Pounds pr Barrel, Turpentine at four Pounds pr. Barrel, well tanned Sole leather at four Shillings pr Pound, Tallow at two Shillings pr Pound, White pine Joyst at four Pounds pr thousand feet, White pine boards at five Pounds pr. thousand feet, White Oak two inch Plank at twenty five Pounds pr thousand feet.

And you shall also assess the Polls and Estates aforesaid the sum of thirteen Pounds two Shillings and nine pence in New tenor bills of Credit of said Province and pay or cause the same to be paid in said Treasury by the twentyfifth day of December aforesaid.

You shall also assess the Polls and Estates aforesaid the sum of three Pound seven Shillings and six pence Proclamation Money and pay or cause the same to be paid into the Treasury of said Province by the twenty fifth day of December aforesaid.

You are also hereby required that some time before the twentyfifth day of December aforesaid, to send the Treasurer of said Province the name or names of the Constable or Constables, Collector or Collectors, who have the said tax or any part thereof committed to him or them to collect, the sum each was to collect, the date of the warrant given him for that purpose and the time he was ordered to pay the same into the Treasury.

Dated at Portsmouth in said Province the twentyfourth day of July in the fifth year of the Reign of his Majesty George the third, over Great Britian, France & Ireland King &c Annoque Dom. 1765.

Geo: Jaffrey, Treas^{r}

EXTRACTS FROM THE TOWN RECORDS.

1765, Sept. 17. *Voted*, to raise three pounds twelve shillings Sterling money for procuring the new Charter.

1765, Sept. 17. *Voted*, to raise three pounds ten shillings Sterling money for furnishing the meeting house.

Oct. 7th *Voted*, to raise thirteen Pounds three shillings and eight pence Sterling to pay the committee for supporting Preaching before the town was incorporated.

1766, April 4. *Voted*, to raise £28 9s. silver old tenor for Jonathan Cram for building Richard Stratton's house.

1767, March 9th Alowed Timothy Dale four Pounds ten Shillings Silver old tenor for Plank for covering the Bridge near Jacob Putnam's saw Mill.

Sept. 7. *Voted*, to raise six pounds lawful money for to support a school this present year.

Voted, the selectmen a committee to provide said school.

Voted, to raise £6 lawful money for finishing the meeting house in said town.

Voted, to raise £9 lawful money to defray town charges.

1768, April 27th The 5th article negative concerning raising money to rebuild the Bridge near Capt. Nathan Hutchinson's Mill.

June 9th *Voted*, to raise £9 lawful money to rebuild the bridge near Captain Nathan Hutchinson's mill, and that each person should have the liberty to work out his rate to the sum aforesaid.

Voted, to raise £6 lawful money to be laid out for a school this present year.

Nov. 4th *Voted*, to raise six Pounds lawful money to be laid out for a school this present year.

Chose Jacob Abbot Alexander Milliken and Philip Putnam a committee to provide a school the present year.

1769, April 5. *Voted*, to raise 5£ 12s. ½d. lawful money to defray town charges.

Voted, to raise £4 lawful money to support Richard Stratton and wife.

Voted, to sell the school Right of land in said town.

Chose Abiel Abbot, Jonathan Cram and Alexander Milliken a committee to sell said school right.

Voted, to uphold said committee in selling said school right to the highest bidder and in giving a good deed of the same.

Oct. 19. Accepted the security taken by the committee for selling the school Right, and the security to be lodged in the hands of Abiel Abbot and to remain there till further orders,

Alowed to the committee for selling the school Right of said town seventeen shillings and six pence lawful money,

Agreed on the several places for which a school to be

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1769, Oct. 19. kept this year Viz: Over the river at the house of Nathan Ballard and over Gambrel Brooke and at David Kenney's and at John Dales and near ye middle of ye Town.

Voted, to raise six Pounds Ten shillings and eight pence for the support of a school this present year.

Chose John Stevens, Alexander Millikin, John Dale and Richard Taylor a committee to see said school money schooled out proportionably.

1770, April 11. *Voted*, to raise eight pounds lawful money to defray town charges.

April 25. *Voted*, to raise £20 to rebuild the bridge over the river, known by the name of Parker's bridge.

Sept. 28. *Voted*, to raise thirteen pounds lawful money to rebuild Parker's bridge so called.

The following bridges allowed to be maintained by the town: Parkers bridge, the bridge by Captain Nathan Hutchinson's mill, the bridge over the river by Timothy Dale's, the bridge to Lyndeborough, the bridge by Jacob Putnams saw mill, The bridge by David Kenneys and the bridge over Gambrel brook.

Voted, to raise three pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence for building the bridge by Capt. Hutchinson's Mill.

Oct. 1st *Voted*, to raise £6 10s. 8d. to be laid out for the use of a school the present year. Chose the selectmen a committee to provide the school.

1771, Sept. 25. *Voted*, to raise six Pounds ten shillings 8 pence to provide a school the present year Chose Jonathan Burton Jonathan Martin Thomas Russell and William Pierce a committee to provide said school.

1772, April 14. *Voted*, to raise £30 lawful money to rebuild and repair the town bridges in said town.

Voted, that each person taxed to said bridges should have two shillings per day and each yoke of oxen one shilling per day.

Voted, that each person should begin their days work at seven oclock in the forenoon.

Voted, to raise one hundred pounds lawful money to be laid out in making and repairing the highway the present year.

Voted, to allow each person taxed in town two shillings and eight pence, and each yoke of oxen one shilling and four pence per day, and each cart and each plough eight pence per day.

1772. Sept. 1st *Voted*, to build a meeting house in the town of Wilton.

Voted, to build said house sixty feet long, forty five feet wide and 27 feet ye posts.

Voted, to set said house on the common about five rods northerly from where the meeting house now stands.

Oct. 5. *Voted*, to raise £6 10s. 8d. lawful money to provide a school the present year.

Voted, to raise one hundred and fifty pounds lawful money to provide materials to build a meeting house in said town and chose John Burton, Jun. Jonathan Martin Joseph Butterfield John Stevens Abiel Abbot Samuel Pettengill and Abner Stiles a committee to provide Materials and build said house.

Voted, that said committee shall vendue the timber, boards shingles and stones and other materials to build said meeting house, to the intent that every person rated in said town may have an equal chance to provide said stuff and that said committee shall give notice of said vendue at least seven days before said time of venduing.

1773. April 20. *Voted*, to raise fifty pounds lawful money for highways the present year.

Voted, to allow the same pr. day for men, oxen, plow and cart as the year before.

Voted, to build a pound in said town to be thirty feet square within the walls, the wall six feet high 4 feet thick at the bottom, 1-foot at the top and a hewed stick of timber 8 in. square on top.

Voted, to raise six pounds lawful money to build said Pound.

Voted, to build a porch on the front side of the meeting house.

Voted, to provide one barrel of West India rum five barrels New England rum, one barrel of good brown sugar, half a box of good lemons, two loaves of loaf sugar, for framing and raising said meeting-house.

Voted, the present committee for building said meeting house should provide entertainment for those persons that help raise the same.

Oct. 21. *Voted*, to raise £6 10s. 8d. to provide a school this present year.

Chose Philip Putnam, Jeremiah Holt, Jeremiah Abbot, Amos Coburn, and Abijah Perry a committee to provide a school this present year.

1774, Jany. 18. *Voted*, to dismiss the committee chosen to build the new meeting-house and chose Jonathan Burton Wil-

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Reconsidered and committee to stand as before.

liam Abbot and Jacob Abbot to finish the outside of the meeting house. Jonathan Burton, William Abbot, and Jacob Abbot a committee to borrow the school money which the town hath at interest and appropriate it to the finishing of the meeting house.

1774, Jany. 18. *Voted*, to build the pews according to the plan exhibited.

Voted, the pews should be built by the town.

Voted, that the pews should be sold to the highest bidder, he, or they taking their choice throughout the whole.

Voted, that none but the inhabitants of the town that are freeholders shall be allowed to bid on, or purchase either of said pews. Chose Jonathan Martin, Jonathan Burton, and Abner Stiles, committee for the sale of said Pews.

Feb. 19. *Voted*, to reserve the pew at the foot of the pulpit stairs for a ministerial pew.

Voted, that the committee appointed to sell the pews execute a proper deed to the purchaser or purchasers of all right and title of the town of, in, and unto, said pews.

Voted, to have the pews in said meeting house completed in 15 months.

Voted, that the purchasers of said pews pay one half of the purchase in one year and the other half in eighteen months.

April 4. *Voted*, to raise £100 lawful money for making and repairing highways the present year.

Voted, to ceil the meeting house from the bottom floor to the bottom of the windows and the same in the galleries.

Nov. 7. *Voted*, to raise eight pounds lawful money to pay for a school the present year.

Dec. 22. *Voted*, to sell the pews in the gallery of the new meeting house.

Chose Jonathan Burton Philip Putnam and William Abbot said committee.

Voted, to sell the old meeting house when the new house is finished.

1775, Jan. 17. Chose the selectmen a committee to sell the old meeting house.

Chose Jacob Abbot to keep the keys of the meeting house and take care of the christianing bason.

March 13. *Voted*, to appropriate the money acquired by the sale of

Daniel Wilson

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1775, Mar. 13. the pews in the new meeting house towards finishing the same.

April 4. *Voted*, to raise fifty pounds lawful money to make and mend the roads the present year, men and oxen 2s. 8d. Plow and cart 1s. 8d.

Oct. 3. *Voted*, to raise £6 10s. 6¾d. for the support of schools the present year. Chose Jonathan Cram, John Dale, George Coburn, Jacob Adams and Jonathan Burton a committee to see the money schooled out proportionably and to agree upon places where said schools should be kept.

Nov. 21. *Voted*, to choose a committee to repair and rebuild the town bridges as they find occasion therefor for the term of one year.

Chose Abiel Abbot, Daniel Holt, Jonathan Burton Jonathan Martin and Richard Whiting said committee.

1776, April 8. *Voted*, to raise £30 lawful money to make and repair highways in said town the present year the price of ratable polls to be 2s. 8d. oxen 1s. 4d. Plow and cart 1s. 8d. per day.

Sept. 23. *Voted*, to raise £6 10s. 6¾d. to support a school the present year.

1777, Jan. 13. Chose Joseph Holt and Jonathan Burton selectmen to serve until the next annual meeting in place of Richard Whitney deceased, and Jacob Adams who was engaged in the countrys service.

June 13. *Voted*, to choose a committee to regulate and affix the prices of sundry articles in the town of Wilton agreeable to an act of the general Court.

Chose Jacob Abbot, Abiel Abbot, Joshua Blanchard, William Abbot and John Burton said committee.

Chose William Abbot a trustee to take (charge) of the school money in the room of Mr Jacob Adams who has moved out of town.

Oct. 1. *Voted*, to raise £13 3s. 10¾d. for schooling the present year. Chose Ebenezer Chandler Jacob Putnam Jr. Nathan Ballard, Jonathan Parkhurst and Stephen Butterfield a committee to see the money schooled out proportionably to their districts and to appoint the places for the schools and provide Masters and Mistresses.

Nov. 5. Allowed various individuals for supplies and conveyance rendevouzed soldiers, £14 10s. 9d.

Allowed Samuel Sheldon for housing and dealing out town stores £1.

Nov. 26. At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wilton Lyndeborough and the districts of Duxbury

EXTRACTS FROM THE TOWN RECORDS.—CONTINUED.

1777, Nov. 26. *school farm and Mile Slip at the Meeting house in Wilton, Chose Abiel Abbot to represent said towns and districts in the general assembly to be holden at Exeter in the State of N. Hampshire on the third Wednesday of December next.

Voted, to instruct and thereby instructed the representative agreeable to the precept from the General Assembly.

1778. In a warrant for a town meeting dated Feb. 2d 1778, is the following article, "In conjunction with the town of Lyndeborough if they see fit" to consider of the Articles of confederation and perpetual Union between the United States of America: And to give our representatives instruction agreeable to the vote of the house of Representatives. At a meeting held under the aforesaid warrant Feb. 9th, 1778. after distinctly and repeatedly reading the Articles of Confederation the town was dissatisfied with some clauses in several Articles. Therefore

Voted, to choose a committee to consider and draw up some petition to the General Court to be convened at Exeter on the second Wednesday in February instant. Chose Jacob Abbot Esq. Messrs. Jonathan Martin Joseph Holt Philip Putnam and Joshua Blanchard for said committee.

Voted, to adjourn to the 10th of this instant Febry, at four o clock in the afternoon.

Feb. 10. The town met according to adjournment The committee as above presented the Petition which was distinctly and repeatedly read and the town unanimously voted the acceptance.

Voted, that the selectmen sign the petition and prefer it to Court.

Voted, to instruct Maj Abiel Abbot their Representative in conjunction with other representatives at the next session of the General Court to appoint and call a full and free representation of all people in this state to meet in convention at such time and place as shall be appointed by the General Court for the sole purpose of framing and laying a permanent plan or system for the future government of this state. And he is accordingly instructed.

March 9. *Voted*, to sell a part of the Ministerial Right in said town.

* Duxbury school farm is now the northwest part of Milford. Mile Slip lay south of Duxbury school farm.

1778, March 9. *Voted*, to sell the ninth lot in the first range and the seventeenth lot in the second range of lots in said town.

Joseph Holt, Jonathan Martin, and Jonathan Burton were chosen a committee to sell the lots. Put to vote, to see if the town will empower the committee to exchange the two lots for land to accommodate a parsonage if they can, but if that cannot be effected then to sell by vendue, and it passed in the affirmative.

April 7. *Voted*, to raise £80 to make and repair highways the present year.

Voted, that the price of hand labor at highways be 6s. per day for oxen, 3s. per day, for a cart and Plow, 1s. 4d. per day.

Voted, to appropriate the money acquired by the sale of the old meeting house towards finishing the new.

May 27. Chose Mr. Moses Putnam to convene at Concord in the state of N. H. on the tenth day of June next for the sole purpose of forming and laying a permanent plan or system of government for the future happiness and well being of the good people of said state.

Oct. 1st *Voted*, to raise £50 to hire schooling the present year.

Voted, that the money to the town by the sale of the Ministry Lots now in the hands of the committee of sale should be put on interest.

Voted, to raise £100 to build and repair bridges.

Oct. 28th Chose Messrs Amos Coburn, Jonathan Cram, Jonathan Parkhurst, Abraham Burton Amos Holt and Simon Keyes, to provide schooling the present year.

Dec. 1st A dispute arising concerning the accounts brought in:

Voted, to choose a committee to examine accounts to be brought to the town and lay them before the town in proper order.

Chose, Maj Samuel Greele, Lts Jonathan Burton and Nathan Ballard for said committee.

Dec. 15. *Voted*, to raise £54 15s 3d in addition to £100 before raised to make and repair bridges.

Voted, that the committee for the sale of the ministry Lots take counsel of some attorney respecting the lot in dispute with Mr Dale.

1779, April 13. *Voted*, to raise £400 to make and repair highways the present year, also voted 30s pr day for a man 15s per day for a yoke of oxen and 7s 6d per day for cart and Plow.

Voted, to act on the circular letter from Maj Samuel Ashley and Col. Benjamin Bellows.

Voted, to instruct our Representative respecting this circular letter as above (viz) not to oppose the state of Vermont being a separate State, but to use his influ-

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1779. April 13. ence. that claim may be laid by this state to its being annexed to this State in case it is not made a separate State upon the principle of said letter.

Sept. 6. *Voted*, to choose a committee of five to take the Plan of government under consideration and make such remarks as shall think necessary and make report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting. Jacob Abbot Esq. Messrs Jonathan Martin, William Abbot Jr. Capt. Philip Putnam and Dr. Ebenezer Rockwood were chosen.

Sept. 8th *Voted*, to choose one person to represent them in Convention at Concord on Wednesday the 22d of Sept. 1779 in compliance with the request of the town of Portsmouth.

Chose Mr. Moses Putnam for that purpose.

Voted, not to accept the plan of government as it now stands, by a majority of 36.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the plan of government for the State of New Hampshire formed by a convention at Concord June 5th 1779, report as follows:

That it is their opinion that those relative to the choice of Councillors; the President of the Council and the Secretary and the Militia officers, as also the Article ascertaining the number constituting a Quorum in each branch of the legislature are exceptionable.

Our reasons are as follows: 1st That the councillors in each County should be chosen by the Representatives of their respective Countys or County Conventions.

2d That the President of the Council and Secretary ought to be elected by both branches of the Legislature.

3d That each company of the militia ought to choose their own captains, Subalterns and under officers.

4th and that no law be enacted nor any grant made without the consent of the major part of the representatives and Councillors of the states.

Voted, unanimously to accept the report.

Oct. 13th Put to vote to see if the town will vote that so much of one mile slip (so called) as joins said town should be annexed to said town as a body politic. And it passed in the negative.

Voted, to comply with the advise of the convention holden at Concord in Sept. to establish some regulations in our trade.

Chose Abiel Abbot, Jonathan Martin Philip Putnam

1779, Oct. 13th — William Abbot Jr. Joshua Blanchard Abner Stiles and Samuel Greele a committee for that purpose.

Voted, to raise £300 for the use of schools the present year. Chose Archelaus Putnam, Stephen Butterfield, William Abbot Jr. Richard Whiting, George Coburn, and Jeremiah Holt a committee to see said money schooled out.

Voted, to allow the selectmen something for their services.

Dec. 10. — At a meeting held in conjunction with the town of Lyndeborough, Mile Slip and Duxbury School farm at the Meeting house in Wilton on the 10th of Dec. 1779. Chose Abiel Abbot to serve as Representative for the above said towns and districts in the Assembly to be held at Exeter on the third Wednesday of December and to empower said representative for the term of one year from their first meeting to transact business and pursue such measures as they may judge necessary for the public good, and in particular to vote for members of the Continental Congress.

1780, April 11. — *Voted*, to raise £4500 to make and repair highways the present year.

Voted, £6 per day for hand labor, £3 per day for a yoke of oxen and 30s. per day for cart or Plow.

June 12. — *Voted*, to allow for hand labor at highways the present year *£12 per day for ox labor £6 per day, for a cart or plow £3 per day instead of the sums voted at the meeting on the eleventh day of April last past.

July 19. — *Voted*, that the selectmen call on the delinquent surveyors to rebuild the bridge over the north branch of Gambrel brook on the road that leads to George Coburn's.

Oct. 5. — *Voted*, to petition the General Court for the privilege of representation separate from Lyndeborough.

Voted, to choose a committee of three men to wait and consult the committee from Lyndeborough to know their minds concerning this matter. Lt Nathan Ballard Mr. James Dascomb and Dea. John Burton, were chosen said committee.

Voted, to join the town of Lyndeborough in petitioning the General Court for separate representation.

TOWN CLERKS OF WILTON FROM 1775 TO 1887.

	No of Years:
Jacob Abbot, 1775, 81–83	4
Joseph Holt, 1776–80, inclusive	5

* Showing the worthlessness of the currency at this time. S. P.

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	No. of Years:
William Abbot, 1784–93, inclusive	9⅔
Mr. Abbot died Nov. 30, 1793, and Abiel Abbot was appointed to fill out the year.	
Abiel Abbot, 1794–96, inclusive	3⅓
Abiel Wilson, 1797–1815, inclusive	19
Jonathan Burton, 1816–22, inclusive, 1824–25	9⅓
John Stevens, 1823	⅔
Mr. Stevens removed to Mason Village in the fall, and Jonathan Burton was appointed to fill out the year.	
Timothy Parkhurst, 1826–40, inclusive, 1843–60	33
Oliver Barrett, 1841, 42	2
Samuel Barrett, 1861	1
Calvin B. Dascomb, 1862	1
David A. Gregg, 1863–65, inclusive	3
William W. Giddings, 1866	1
Thomas H. Dillon, 1867–69, inclusive	2⅔
Mr. Dillon left Wilton in the fall, and William D. Stearns was appointed to fill out the year.	
William D. Stearns, 1870–86, inclusive	17⅓
John M. Mahoney, 1887	

DELEGATES TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS.

1850—Oliver Barrett.
1877—William A. Jones and George S. Neville.

The preceding copy of the town "doings" during the colonial period suggests several instructive lessons. Public spirit was a marked characteristic of the founders of Wilton. Hard as were their toils and sufferings in establishing their little commonwealth, they did not forget the welfare of the community, while striving for their private and personal interests.

1. They expended sums yearly, large for that period, for public improvements in roads and bridges. The bridges were built over streams subject to annual floods, and were often either entirely carried away or materially injured. The roads were built over steep hills or along water courses, where they were badly gullied, and required often to be repaired.

2. The fathers of the town were fully alive to the value and necessity of education for their rising community. Schools to them were as much a necessity as daily bread. If the inhabitants of Wilton have been noted for their intelligence, and for the large number of liberally educated persons, it is due to the wise care and foresight with which they fostered the free public schools.

3. Nor did they care only for their town and local interests. They had an eye also to the well-being of the state and nation. Patriotism was a passion in the breasts of these pioneers of the wilderness. They early chafed under the petty despotism of the mother country. They perhaps first hinted at complete independence, and before the Mecklenburg resolutions of North Carolina, or the great Declaration, boldly proclaimed the idea of national emancipation, and the free United States.

4. But the best of all, and crown and conservation of all other interests, was their devotion to religion, and its great instruments, the church and the ministry. The original charter bore this testimony, and made permanent provision for religious institutions. Successive meeting houses were built, and pastors ordained for this special work. The whole community was laid under contribution. It was made a part of the solid business of the town to see that religion received no detriment or decrease of zeal and interest in the new community. Unity of purpose prevailed. Calvinist and Arminian alike gave of their substance to the Lord and His public service. The day of speculation and indifferentism had not arrived. What was done, was done with a will.

Whatever may have since been the ways and works of the town, it is satisfactory to know that the roots of public spirit, education, patriotism, and Christian faith struck deep into the primitive soil, and bore abundant fruit in the institutions, lives and characters of succeeding generations. Long may this be the character of our beloved town as it respects these important interests in all coming time!

CHAPTER IX.

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

The United States, remote as they are from the old world, have been harassed by repeated wars ever since their settlement. In the early colonial period the Indian guerilla warfare was a constant danger to the pioneers. Later the complications of European politics entered into the problem, and the French and their savage allies devastated the frontiers. The Revolution of 1775–1783 followed, to which this chapter is specially devoted. The war of 1812 with Great Britain, which was a species of second Revolutionary war, was next in succession. Then came the Florida war with the Indians, and other border contests. From 1845 to 1848 the Mexican war was waged to extend the area of slavery, and, hence, did not awaken enthusiasm in New England. And, last and greatest of all, the civil war of 1861–1865 aroused the military ardor of the whole country, north and south, and ended with the glorious result of the overthrow of slavery, and the more perfect union of all the states and territories in one American nation.

It is not strange, therefore, that military affairs should engross a large share of attention in our history. Our civil and religious liberties have been purchased and maintained by the price of blood and sacrifices, "labors, dangers and sufferings." In the absence of any standing army of importance, the institution of "the citizen soldiery" has taken precedence. Military honors have often opened the way to the chief offices of the republic, and seven generals have been chosen Presidents of the United States.

The relations of the colonies in 1774–75 with Great Britain awakened the anxiety and interest of no part of the country more intensely than of New Hampshire. Nor was Wilton backward in patriotic zeal, whether it related to material aid of men and means,

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or to that moral support and devotion to the cause which are equally necessary to carry any great enterprise to success and victory.

The following extracts from the records of the town of Wilton show in detail the action of the town in Revolutionary matters. In a warrant dated July 9, 1774, the second article is as follows:

To see if the town will choose one or more persons to send to Exeter in said Province to represent this town in the choice of Delegates to a General Congress to be held at Philadelphia the first day of September next; agreeable to the desire of the late representatives of this Province, which will be exhibited at the meeting.

Article 3. To see if the town will raise by subscription, or otherwise, two pounds two shillings L. M. [lawful money], being their proportion of the expense of sending Delegates to the proposed General Congress.

Article 4. To see if the town will choose a committee to send to New Ipswich to consult with the committees from adjacent Towns on a plan of non-importation and non-consumption of goods and articles from old England.

The sum mentioned in the third article of the warrant was raised by subscription, and at a town meeting held July 15, 1774, it was

Voted, to send one man to Exeter to represent this town in the choice of delegates for a general Congress, proposed to be held in Philadelphia the first day of September next. Chose Jacob Abbot, Delegate.

Voted, to send a committee to New Ipswich to consult with committees from adjacent towns, &c. Chose Jonathan Martin, Joseph Holt and Abiel Abbot, said committee.

1774, Sept. 8. *Voted*, to raise £17, lawful money, to provide the town's stock of ammunition.

Whereas, there has been a covenant of non-importation and non-consumption agreed upon by committees from sundry of the neighboring towns to be signed by the inhabitants of each town: Therefore, to see if the town will accept of said covenant, and choose a committee to encourage the signing thereof, and also to transact the affairs of said covenant according to the tenor thereof, or act or do any other matter or thing relative thereto that the town shall think proper.

Voted, to accept of the covenant.

Chose Joseph Holt, Abner Stiles, Jonathan Martin, Abiel Abbot, to be a committee to see said covenant signed.

THE COVENANT.

We, the subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Wilton, having taken into our serious consideration the precarious state of the liberties of North America, and more especially the present distressed condition of our sister colony of the Massachusetts Bay, embarrassed as it is by several Acts of the British Parliament, tending to the entire subversion of their natural and charter rights, among which is the act for blocking up the harbor of Boston; and being fully sensible of our indispensable duty to lay hold on every means in our power to preserve and recover the injured Constitution of our country, and conscious, at the same time, of no alternative between the horrors of slavery or the carnage and desolation of civil war, but a suspension of all commercial intercourse with the Island of Great Britain; do, in the presence of God, solemnly and in good faith, covenant and engage with each other:—

FIRST: That, from henceforth, we will suspend all commercial intercourse with the said Island of Great Britain, until the Parliament shall cease to enact laws imposing taxes on the colonies without their consent, and until the pretended right of taxing is dropped, and Boston Port opened, and their and our constitutional rights and privileges are restored.

SECOND: That there may be less temptation to others to continue in the said now dangerous commerce, and in order to promote industry, economy, arts and manufactures among ourselves, which are of the last importance to the welfare and well-being of a community, we do, in like manner, solemnly covenant: That we will not buy, purchase or consume, or suffer any person by, for, or under us, to purchase; nor will we use in our families, in any manner whatever, any goods, wares or merchandize, which shall arrive in America from Great Britain, aforesaid, from and after the last day of August, 1774 (except only such articles as shall be judged absolutely necessary by a majority of the signers hereof), and, as much as in us lies, to prevent our being interrupted and defeated in this only peaceable measure, entered into for the recovery and preservation of our rights and the rights of our brethren in our sister Colonies, we agree to break off all trade and commerce with all persons who, preferring their private interests to the salvation of their now almost perishing country, shall still continue to import goods from Great Britain, or shall purchase of those who import after the said last day of August, until the aforesaid pretended right of taxing the Colonies shall be given up or dropped (except so much as Christian duties require).

THIRD: As a refusal to come into this, or similar agreement, which promises deliverance of our country from the calamities it now feels, and which, like a torrent, are rushing upon it with increasing violence, must, in our opinion, evidence a disposition inimical to, or criminally negligent of, the common safety; it is agreed that all such ought to be considered, and shall by us be esteemed, as encouragers of contumacious importers.

FOURTH: We hereby further engage that we will use all reasonable methods to encourage and promote the production of manufactures

among ourselves, that this covenant and engagement may be as little detrimental to ourselves and our fellow-countrymen as possible.

LASTLY: We allow ourselves liberty to comply with the result of the General Congress at Philadelphia. Also, we agree to make such alterations in this Covenant as shall be thought suitable by the majority of signers, after notice given in a public manner, by a committee chosen for that purpose: which notice shall be eight days before the meeting.

"From December, 1774, to April following," says I. W. Hammond in the Revolutionary War Rolls of New Hampshire, Introduction, pages 31, 32, "the people were counselling among themselves, calmly deliberating upon the exigencies of the times, and energetically preparing for the crisis which they felt must come.

"The sentiment which pervaded the community is plainly shown by the address of the convention of delegates, which convened at Exeter, January 25, 1775, in which they counselled the people to maintain peace, harmony and union among themselves, to practise economy, to promote manufactures, avoid lawsuits, improve themselves in such military arts as would best fit them for real action in an engagement, and to imitate their forefathers by appealing to the Divine Being to espouse their righteous cause, secure their liberties, and fix them 'on a firm and lasting basis.'

"Companies were formed and drilled, and when, on the 19th day of April, 1775, the crisis came, the men of New Hampshire dropped their implements of industry, seized whatever they could of implements of warfare, and by companies, by tens, by fives and by twos hurried to the front. The same spirit pervaded the women, many of whom spent the nights of the 19th and 20th in making clothes, baking bread, and moulding bullets for their husbands and sons, bidding them good-bye at daylight with a God-speed on their tremulous lips, and, while the men went forth to repel the invading army, the women tilled the soil, spun the yarn, and wove the cloth that clothed the family. The number of men that went from this state [New Hampshire] to Cambridge at that time is unknown; many were not organized into companies, some returned after being absent from one to two weeks, and many for eight months, forming the nucleus for the regiments of Stark and Reed, which did admirable service at Bunker Hill."

We now return to the minutes of the town.

1775, Jan. 17. Allowed Jacob Abbot 8s. for his services at Exeter.
Chose Jacob Abbot Deputy to send to Exeter on the

MINUTES OF THE TOWN.—CONTINUED.

1775, Jan. 17. 25th of this instant, January, for the choice of delegates to represent the Province in another Continental Congress.

In the warrant for a town meeting to be held Feb. 27, 1775, is the following article:

To see if the town will Petition the General Court of the Province for a Redress of Grievance Respecting the addition of the Officers' Pay in the Continental army this Present Year, and Chose a Committee for that Purpose, and do any and every other thing thereon as the Town Shall think Proper.

At the town meeting it was

Voted, to Petition the General Court of the Colony that they Petition the General Congress Respecting the additional Pay of some of the Officers in the Continental Army.

The following petition, being drafted, was read twice:

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire at Exeter in General Court to be Assembled on the first Wednesday of March next, the Petition of the Town of Wilton Humbly Sheweth, That, whereas the Continental Congress thought proper in their Wisdom to Grant an additional Sum as wages to some of the officers in the Continental army, which we understand has not had the Good Effect which we suppose was intended, but has given General Dissatisfaction among the Private Soldiers, and, among other Reasons, has been made use of for the Discouragement of Soldiers' Listing in the Continental army, and we doubt not the Readiness of the Honourable Continental Congress to recede from their Former Vote, or to Prevent its taking Place another year, if they were once made Sensible of the Bad Consequents by Said Additional Pay: we, therefore, your Humble Petitioners Beg leave to Recommend it as worthy Your Consideration, whether it may not be Convenient for the General Court of this Colony to Request and joyn a Committee of the General Court of the Neighboring Colony, or Colonies, in Petitioning the Continental Congress on that Subject, or to Propose Some Method whereby the Prejudices against said Officers may be removed. Sensible of our Unacquaintedness with Politicks, we presume not to Prescribe to Your Honours, but, to avoid Prolixity, which we imagine would be very Disagreable to you, we Submit it to Your wise Consideration, and as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

A true copy. Jacob Abbot, Town Clerk.

The above was voted, and it was also voted that the selectmen sign the aforesaid petition in behalf of the town.

1775, April 4. Allowed Jacob Abbot for his services and expenses in representing this town in the Provincial Congress £1 0s. 4d.

Voted, to raise as minute men 25 privates, two commissioned officers, two sergents, twenty nine in all.

Voted, 6 dollars a month to each officer and soldier, after they are called to an expedition, till they have proper time to return after they are dismissed.

Voted, to choose two delegates for a County Congress. Chose Jonathan Martin and Philip Putnam, said delegates.

Voted, the following instructions to be given said delegates:

1st That they encourage the raising of minute men in said county.

2d That they promote the petitioning his Excellency, John Wentworth, Esq., our present Governor, not to appoint any Justices in this County without the desire, or approbation, of the major part of the people in the town where said person resides.

Also, to petition his Excellency for a new clerk of the Probate Court in said County.

4th To promote the settlement of affairs in said County, such as the suppressing of riots or mobs, and enquiring after the bonds of some officers in the County.

5th To promote every thing necessary that shall be for the benefit and advantage of the county.

WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING.

Province of New Hampshire, } *Hillsborough, ss: To Amos Fuller, Constable for the town of Wilton. Greeting.*

By us the subscribers, you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Wilton, aforesaid, in your district, qualified by law to vote in town meeting, that they meet at the meeting house in said town on Wednesday, the tenth day of May next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz.,

1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d Whereas it appears, at this time, that our public affairs are in so distressing a situation that we are not in a capacity to proceed in a legal manner; to see if the town will vote that the votes and resolves of this, and all other, meetings in this town for the term of one year shall be held binding for the term of one year to the inhabitants of this town, although warned by posting at some public house for the term of ten days before said meeting.

3rd To see if the town will choose one or more persons to represent this town in a provincial Congress to be held at Exeter on the seventeenth day of May next, agreeable to the direction received, which shall then be exhibited.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to us the subscribers, at the time and place above mentioned. Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of April, A. D. 1775.

Philip Putnam } Selectmen
Abiel Abbot } of Wilton.

A like warrant was also issued to Richard Whiting, and the town met agreeably to notice.

1775, May 10. Chose Richard Taylor Moderator.

The second article passed in the affirmative, viz.: That the votes and resolves of this and all other town meetings shall be held binding, as expressed in the second article of foregoing warrant.

Voted, to send two persons to represent this town in a Provincial Congress, to be held at Exeter the 17th day of this present June, the first session, and one to represent this town for six months in said Congress.

Chose Jacob Abbot to represent this town in said Congress for six months.

Chose Jonathan Martin to attend said Congress the first session.

On the 19th of April, 1775, came the first dread shock of arms at Lexington and Concord. It is not known, nor is it probable, that any Wilton men were engaged in those conflicts. But the whole country was roused, as later, in the war of the Rebellion, by the attack on Fort Sumter. From that first blood patriotic ardor blazed with intenser heat, and military preparations were carried on with new zeal and devotion. The patriots were not daunted by any apprehensions of the formidable war into which they had plunged, but devoted themselves on the altar of their country without misgiving or doubt. The issue proved, after an eight years' terrible experience, that their faith and self-sacrifice were not in vain.

We continue the war record of the town.

1775, May 22. Mr. Jonathan Martin and Lt. Richard Taylor were chosen delegates to a county Congress.

Aug. 17. Chose Mr. Jonathan Martin to represent the town in a Provincial Congress to be holden at Exeter on the 22d of this month.

Chose Jacob Abbot, Capt. Abiel Abbot, Jonathan Burton, Rev. Jonathan Livermore and Lt. Philip Putnam a committee to give Mr. Martin his instruction.

Oct. 3. Allowed £7 12s. 9¾d. to several individuals for pork for the soldiers.

1775, Oct. 23. Allowed 1s. 5½d. for tobacco for soldiers.
Allowed £1 16s. 2½d. for pork for soldiers.
Allowed £25 for transporting 40 Hhds. of salt from Marblehead.
Allowed Joseph Holt £1 4s. for procuring transportation of 2 Hhds. of Molasses from Marblehead to Andover, and storage at Andover.
Allowed £1 17s. 1d. for transporting 2 Hhds. Molasses from Andover.
Voted, to raise £51 of lawful money to pay the first cost of town stock.

ENUMERATION OF INHABITANTS.

In obedience to the Provincial Congress in New Hampshire, we, the subscribers, have numbered the souls of the inhabitants of the town of Wilton, which is as follows:

Males under 16 years of age	162
Males from 16 to 50 years not in the army . .	102
All males above 50 years of age	17
Persons gone in the army	26
All females	314
Negroes and slaves for life	2
	623

And further we have complied with the Congress' requisition concerning of the fire arms fit for use, and those wanting, and we find seventy two fit for use, and forty seven guns wanting,—and forty pounds of powder in said town.

Abiel Abbot } Selectmen
Philip Putnam } of Wilton.

Wilton, Oct. 24, 1775.
Sworn to date.

ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS.

To the Honnorable the Provincial Congress Setting at Exeter; Gentlemen, we your Humble Petitioners Beg leave to Present to your Honnors an Account of Provissions Procuerd and Sent to Cambrige for the Support of the Continentel Armey.

Which Account we Pray may be allowed in Money, or by an order on the Province Treasurer. The Account is £9 11s. 2d. Lawful Money, and, in allowing the above Accont, you will Oblige your Humble Petitioners.

Abiel Abbot } Selectmen
Philip Putnam } of Wilton.

Wilton Octor ye 24th 1775.

P. S. For further Perticulers Inquire of our Deligate.

EXTRACTS FROM THE TOWN RECORDS.—CONTINUED.

1775. Nov. 21. *Voted*, to allow Jonathan Martin for his services to Amherst on the County affairs four times, and his expenses 18s. ¾d.

Allowed Richard Taylor for his services on County affairs at Amherst with Mr. Martin 8s. 5¾d.

Dec. 13. Jacob Abbot was chosen to represent the town of Wilton, Lyndeborough, Mile Slip and Duxbury School Farm in the Provincial Congress to be holden at Exeter on the 21st day of Dec. instant.

Voted and allowed Mr. Joseph Holt, Jonathan Martin, Abiel Abbot, Nathan Ballard, John Burton, Jr., and Abner Stiles, 3s. each for their service in raising recruits to take Winter Hill lines.

At the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775, New Hampshire troops constituted a substantial part of the forces engaged on the patriot side. There were two full regiments, Col. Stark's and Col. Reed's, from this state, and, also, one whole company in Col. Prescott's regiment.

Small as was the number of inhabitants in the town at that time, only about 600, Wilton contributed at least thirty-three men in four different companies of Col. Reed's regiment to the troops that fought on that eventful day.

This is the roll of honor:

Q. M. Isaac Frye.
1st Lt. James Brown.
2d Lt. Samuel Pettengill.
Sergt. William A. Hawkins.
Sergt. Francis Putnam.
Corp. John Burton.
Corp. Ebenezer Kingsbury.
Asa Lewis.
Nathaniel Hazeltine.
Jonathan Greele.
Daniel Kenny.
Daniel Brown.
Theodore Stevens.
Stephen Blanchard, Jr.
Nathan Abbot.
William Bales.
Simeon Holt.
Nathaniel Greele.
Archelaus Kenny.
John Greele.
Isaac Brown.
Israel Howe.
Henry Lovejoy.
Jonathan Gray.
Jeremiah Holt.
Jonas Perry.
Nurss Sawyer.
Henry Stevens.
Asa Cram.
Hart Balch.
Stephen Blanchard.
Timothy Darling.
Ebenezer Carlton.

A later account raises the number of Wilton men who fought at Bunker Hill to thirty-eight.

L. B. Bockwood

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Of these men Jonathan Gray and Asa Cram were mortally wounded.

Isaac Frye was quartermaster in Col. James Reed's regiment. James Brown* was lieutenant, and William A. Hawkins and Francis Putnam were sergeants in Capt. William Walker's company; and John Buxton was corporal in Capt. Benjamin Mann's company; all belonging to Reed's regiment.

In case of losses, during battle, of arms, equipments or clothing, compensation was made by the State, either to the men, or, in case of their death, to their families.

MILITARY ORDER.

Camp, October 18th 1775. William Hawkins, who distinguished himself in the Battle at Bunker Hill on the 17th of June last, to supply the place of an Ensign in Capt. Hind's company in lieu of Aldrich, promoted.

James Reed, Col.
Israel Gilman, Lt. Col.

ORDER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In order to carry the underwritten Resolve of the Honorable Continental Congress into Execution, you are requested to desire all Males above Twenty one years of age (Lunaticks, Idiots, and Negroes excepted) to sign to the Declaration on this Paper; and when so done to make return thereof, together with the Name, or Names, of all who refuse, or shall refuse, to sign the same, to the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

April 12, 1776. M. Weare, Chairman.

RESOLVE OF CONGRESS.

In Congress, March 14, 1776.

Resolved, that it be recommended to the several Assemblys and Councils or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies *immediately* to cause all persons to be *disarmed* within their respective Colonies, who are *notoriously* disaffected to the cause of America, or who refuse to associate to defend by Arms the United Colonies against the Hostile attempts of the British Fleets and Armies.

Extract from the Minutes. Charles Thompson, Secy.

*I have retained Lt. James Brown's name as belonging to Wilton for these reasons: Just before the Revolution the name of James Brown is often found on the Wilton records, as he is repeatedly elected moderator and selectman, and in April, 1773, a road was laid out to his premises. In a note succeeding the pay-roll of Capt. Walker's company Mr. Hammond says, "Capt. Walker and Lieuts. Brown and Robey were of Dunstable." But it will be seen that, on the same pay-roll, Lieut. Brown is credited with sixty miles' travel, as are the other men from Wilton.—[S. Putnam.

ACTION OF THE TOWN OF WILTON ON THE ABOVE RESOLVE OF CONGRESS.

In consequence of the above Resolution of the Honorable Continental Congress, and to shew our determination in joining our American Brethren in Defending the Lives, Liberties and Properties of the Inhabitants of the United Colonies, We, the subscribers, do hereby solemnly engage and promise that we will, to the utmost of our power, at the risque of our lives and fortunes, with arms oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies against the United American Colonies.

This was signed by 128 persons.

RETURN OF THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN.

In obedience to the within Resolve of the Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire, we, the subscribers, have desired all Males above twenty one years of age, that are inhabitants of the town of Wilton, to sign to the above Declaration, and but two have refused or neglected to sign, viz., Capt. Ephraim Butterfield and Archelaus Putnam, whose names we hereby return to the General Court or Committee of Safety for the aforesaid Colony in obedience to written Directions.

Richard Taylor } Selectmen
Jacob Adams } of Wilton.

Wilton, June ye 3d, 1776.

It should be said, however, that Archelaus Putnam was subsequently found serving in the patriot army.

On the 19th of May, 1775, the Provincial Congress of New Hampshire appointed a Committee of Safety, consisting of the following persons: Hon. Matthew Thornton, Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Capt. William Whipple, Nathaniel Folsom, Esq., and Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. To them others were afterwards added.

The following extracts are taken from the records of the abovenamed committee, as given in the Collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society, Vol. 7:

1776, Oct. 22d — Settled with Mr. Abiel Abbot for Mustering and Paying two Companies, Capt. Read's and Capt. Putnam's, in Col. Baldwin's Regiment for New York. The Bal., £8 0s. 8d., due to the State, and for which he produced a Rect. from the Rec'r Gen'l, Nath'l Gilman, Esq.

1777, Jany. 28th — Gave Maj. Abiel Abbot orders to Muster the following Companies, Viz.: Capt. William Scott's of Peterborough, & Capt. William Scott's of Camden, and Capt. Saml. Blodgett's.

Ordered the Receiver Gen'l to Let John Wentworth, Jr., have out of the Treasury £4000 in Treasurer's Notes,

1777, Jany. 28th and Seventy-five Pounds in other Bills, which he is to deliver to the following Muster Masters: To Maj. Jonath Child, one thousand Pounds in Notes & Twenty-five Pounds in Bills; To Thomas Sparhawk, Fifteen hundred Pounds in Notes and Twenty Pounds in Bills; To Abiel Abbot, Thirty Pounds in Bills and Fifteen Hundred Pounds in Notes, to Enable them to pay Bounties and Mileage to Soldiers, according to Instructions.

1777, Febry 26th Gave orders to Maj. Abiel Abbot of Wilton to Muster what men Lieut. Whittemore shall Enlist for Capt. Carr's Company.

Isaac Frye appointed a Captain in Colo Scammel's Regt., instead of Capt. Scott, who declines.

March 4th Gave Capt. Isaac Frye orders to raise a Company in Colo Scammel's Regt.

Ordered the Recr Gen'l to let Capt. Isaac Frye have out of the Treasury £300 to pay Continental Bounties to men he Enlists, for which he is to account.

April 18th Wrote to Capt. Abiel Abbot to muster the company of Capt. Cloyse of Fitzwilliam.

April 28th Ordered Maj. Abbot, of Wilton, to Muster any men belonging to Hollis who are, or shall, Enlist in Capt. John House's or Capt. Michael McClary's Companies, and to transmit their names to the Muster Masters of those Companies.

July 15th Directed Capt. Isaac Frye, or, in his absence, Lieut. Joseph Huntoon, to repair to No. 4, and there collect and send forward to their Regts. all Soldiers who have left the Army.*

Aug. 26th Wrote to Maj. Abbot of Wilton, one of the Muster Masters for the Continental Troops, directing him, where any delinquent Towns procured their men, to compleat their Quotas of the Continental Troops, to pay them the Continental Bounty in addition to what he payed others, and to take enlistments and transmit them to the Respective Officers.

1778, April 1st Ordered the R. G. to pay James Underwood, Jerry Page and Abiel Abbot, Esqs., a Committee appointed to receive votes for Councillors for two years last past, their account for said Business, amounting to £9 12s. 0d.

1781, Febry 9th Ordered the Treasr to pay Capt. Isaac Frye Thirty Pounds in Bills of new Emission, and endorse the same on his first note for Depreciation, £30.

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* Lieut. Huntoon was allowed pay for the service.—[S. Putnam.

RECORDS OF COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.—CONTINUED.

1782. April 12th Ordered the Treasr to pay Capt. Isaac Frye Seventy-six Pounds Ten Shillings and endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation. £76 10s.

1782. March 1st Ordered the Board of war to deliver to Capt. Isaac Frye his allowance for a month's pay in New England Rum.

April 5th Appointed Capt. Isaac Frye Muster Master at Amherst.

Nov. 18th Ordered the Treasr to pay, by Discount, out of the tax for the current year, to the following Persons, Viz.:

	£	s.	d.
To Jonathan Martin . .	19	6	0
Abiel Abbot . .	2	10	3
Jeremiah Abbot .	1	3	2

The following passage is taken from Hammond's Revolutionary War Rolls of New Hampshire, page 240:

On the 30th of November, 1775, Gen. John Sullivan [of New Hampshire], who was in command of the troops on Winter Hill, near Boston, wrote a letter to the New Hampshire Committee of Safety, from which is extracted the following: "I have by command of General Washington to inform you that the Connecticut forces (Deaf to the entreaties of their own as well as all other officers, and regardless of the contempt with which their own government threatens to treat them on their return) have absolutely refused to tarry till the first day of January, but will quit the lines on the 6th of December. They have deceived us & their officers by pretending there would be no difficulty with them till they have got so near the close of their term; and now, to their eternal infamy, demand a bounty to induce them to tarry only the three weeks. This is such an insult to every American that we are determined to release them at the expiration of their term at all hazards, & find ourselves obliged immediately to supply their places with Troops from New Hampshire & Massachusetts Bay."

The number asked for from New Hampshire was thirty-one companies, of sixty-four men each, including officers, and they were to serve until January 15, 1776, if required. The Committee of Safety met Dec. 2, and gave orders for enlisting the men; and the business was prosecuted with the usual impulsive and patriotic vigor of the New Hampshire men of that time. The thirty-one companies were raised and forwarded in due time, and were highly complimented by General Washington. In a letter to the Committee of Safety, dated Dec. 8, 1775, General Sullivan says: "General Washington and all the other officers are extremely pleased & bestow the highest encomiums on you and your troops, freely acknowledging that New Hampshire Forces for bravery and resolution far surpass the other Colonies, & that no Province discovers so much zeal in the common cause."

There are no rolls of these companies in the State House, and the ed-

itor has been able to find but one elsewhere, that of the second company, which will follow Col. Burnham's return.*

The troops were mustered by Colonel Jonathan Burnham, who made a return to the Committee of Safety of New Hampshire.

In the Appendix to the Revolutionary War Rolls of New Hampshire are published diaries written by Lieut. Jonathan Burton of Wilton. He gives "A List of Capt. Taylors Company of Melitia, Which marched from Amherst, Dec. 8, 1775, to Joyn The Continental Army on Winter Hill." In that list we find the following names of men from Wilton:

Lieut. Nathan Ballard,	Abraham Burton,	Fifield Holt,
Serg. Jona. Burton,	Ebenezer Chandler,	Amos Holt,
Corp. Jacob Adams,	Ebenezer Cram,	Nathaniel Haseltine,
William Abbot,	Joseph Cram,	Samuel Lovejoy,
William Abbot, Jun.,	John Dale,	Caleb Putnam,
George Blanchard,	Enoch Fuller,	Benj. Steele,
Benj. Blanchard,	Timothy Gray,	Archelaus Wilkins,
Abraham Butterfield.		

In Burton's Diary we also find the roll of Capt. William Barron's company in Col. Isaac Wyman's regiment, raised for the Canada campaign in 1776.

The following are the Wilton men:

Lieut. Jonathan Burton,	Peter Hovey,
Serg. Nathaniel Haseltine,	Israel Ingalls,
Serg. Richard Whitney,	Archelaus Kenney,
Corp. Josiah Parker,	Abijah Perry,
Ephraim Baker,	William Parkhurst,
Abraham Burton,	Caleb Putnam,
Charles Butterfield,	Asa Peirce,
William Butterfield,	Archelaus Putnam,
Phineas Farrington,	Henry Stevens,
Jonathan Greele,	Theodore Stevens.

The following passage is taken from Revolutionary War Rolls, page 303:

In obedience to the Honnorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire, holden at Exeter Dec. 27, 1775.

We have taken an Account of the Number of the Soldiers of our Town, who served in the summer past in the Continental Army, and are enlisted there for the year coming. And there is in Amos Fuller's Collection, the number of Soldiers Six. The sum of their Rates [taxes] is Eleven Shillings, Four Pence and Two Farthings; and in Richard Whitney's Collec-

* Col. Burnham's return gives the names only of the commissioned officers.—[S. Putnam.

tion, the number of Soldiers Five, the sum of their Rates is Nine Shillings, Five Pence and three Farthings.

Philip Putnam } Selectmen
Nathan Ballard } of Wilton.

Wilton March y^e 4^th, 1776.

The following Persons' names are Included above, and the sum of their Poll Tax is one Shilling, Ten Pence and Three Farthings: Francis Putnam, Nathaniel Heseltine, Eben^r Carleton, John Varnum, Jeremiah Holt, Ebenez^r Kingsbury, Christopher Martin, Jonas Perry, Daniel Brown, Israel Howe, Nurse Sawyer.

Wilton March y^e 4, 1776.

Then the within named Philip Putnam and Nathan Ballard, Personally Appearing, made oath that the within is a True Just and Impartial Acc't, according to the Best of their Memory and Judgment.

Oath administered by

Jacob Abbot, Town Clerk.

Fuller and Whitney were collectors of taxes.

This return was made to obtain an abatement of the taxes against said men.

COLONEL NAHUM BALDWIN'S REGIMENT.

This regiment was raised in September, 1776, for the purpose of reënforcing the army in New York, the terms of enlistment "being one Months Advance wages to the Officers, A Bounty of Six pounds to each non-Commissioned Officer and private, 1 penny pr Mile Travel, and one penny in Lieu of Baggage waggon." The regiment was in the battle at White Plains Oct. 28, 1776, and was dismissed early in December of the same year. In the Revolutionary War Rolls, page 416, is given the roll of Captain Philip Putnam's company, which had been recruited from the Sixth regiment of militia. It contains the following names of Wilton men:

Philip Putnam, captain, Thomas Town, Ebenezer Carlton, Abner Stiles, Isaac Peabody, Jun., Thomas Russell, John Dale, Ezra Johnson, Jacob Blanchard, John Cram, Jun., Benjamin Parker, Simeon Holt, Joseph Cram.

COLONEL DAVID GILMAN'S REGIMENT, 1776.

(Revolutionary War Rolls, p. 435.)

In answer to a requisition from General Washington, the Legislature [of New Hampshire] on the fourth day of December, 1776, "Voted, That five hundred men be Draughted from the several Regiments in this State as soon as possible, and officered and sent to New York." On the

day following, the Legislature appointed the field officers as given below. The cause of this call was, that the terms of service of the troops in garrison at Fort George and Ticonderoga would expire on the last day of December, and if their places were not filled those posts would fall into the hands of General Sir Guy Carleton.

FIELD AND STAFF.

Colonel, David Gilman, Pembroke; Lt. Col., Thomas Bartlett, Nottingham; Major, Peter Coffin, Exeter; Surgeon, Joseph Barnes, Litchfield; Adjutant, ——— Thurber; Quartermaster, Samuel Brooks, Jr., Exeter.

In Capt. William Walker's company, of this regiment, were the following from Wilton: Ebenezer Perry, Lieut., Jacob Adams and Jonathan Hartshorn. Jacob Adams was, that year, one of the selectmen of Wilton.

The following note by Mr. Hammond is taken from the Revolutionary War Rolls, page 480:

The preceding rolls show that the State of New Hampshire performed her share of the work of 1776 in full, as she had the year before, responding ably and patriotically to every call made upon her for men. In several instances her troops remained in the service beyond their terms of enlistment, notwithstanding they were of necessity scantily fed and clothed, and poorly provided with protection against the inclemency of the weather. In no instance, when the exigency of the occasion seemed to require their services beyond their terms of enlistment, were they appealed to in vain. The state had three regiments in the regular or continental army under General Washington, viz.: Stark's, Poor's and Reed's; a regiment in the Canada service under Col. Timothy Bedel; Col. Pierse Long's regiment, which was stationed for the defence of Piscataqua harbor until it marched to reënforce the garrison at Ticonderoga in February, 1777; and in addition it furnished five regiments of militia as reënforcements, viz., Wyman's and Wingate's in July and August, Tash's and Baldwin's in September, and Gilman's in December.

New Hampshire troops participated in the battles at Trenton and Princeton, and honored themselves and the state by their bravery and good conduct. At Trenton the regiment under Stark led one of the attacking columns which was commanded by General Sullivan.

Colonel James Reed, of Fitzwilliam, commander of the Third New Hampshire regiment in the continental service, became blind as a result of severe sickness, contracted while in the line of duty at Fort George, about the first of September, 1776, and was consequently obliged to retire from active service. He had been a brave and efficient officer, and the loss of his sight was a severe one to him and the cause. The continental congress elected him to be a brigadier-general, August 9, 1776, and on the same day elected John Sullivan to be a major-general.

EXTRACTS FROM WAR ROLLS.—CONTINUED.

The following note by Mr. Hammond, and the accompanying characteristic letter of General Sullivan, are taken from the Revolutionary War Rolls, p. 522:

Colonel David Gilman's regiment was enlisted in December, 1776, and remained in the service beyond the time for which the men were engaged, at the earnest request of General Sullivan. It participated in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, and did excellent service in both. At the battle on the 26th of December, which resulted in the capture of the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey, this regiment was a portion of the right division, which was under the command of Major-General John Sullivan. The conduct of the New Hampshire and other New England troops on that occasion, and at Princeton on January 3, 1777, is set forth in the following extract of a letter from General Sullivan to Hon. Meshech Weare, dated Chatham, February 13, 1777:

"I have been so full of Business that I could not find time to write; but still I have a more weighty reason, which is, That I cannot give an account of a victory or defeat where I was an actor without saying something for or against myself; and I have a great aversion to writing against myself, and to write in favor would be evidence of a very suspicious kind. Indeed, I always had an aversion to fighting upon paper; for I have never yet found a man well versed in that kind of fighting, that would practise any other. Perhaps you may want to know how your men (the Yankees) fight: I tell you exceeding well when they have proper officers. I have been much pleased to see a day approaching to try the difference between Yankee cowardice and southern valor. The day has or rather the days have arrived, and all the General Officers allowed and do allow that the Yankees' cowardice assumes the shape of true valor in the field; and the Southern valor appears to be a composition of boasting and conceit. General Washington made no scruple to say publicly, the remains of the Eastern Regiments were the strength of his army, though then their numbers were, comparatively speaking, but small; he calls them in front when the Enemy are there; he sends them to the rear when the Enemy threatens that way: all the general officers allow them to be the best of Troops. The Southern officers and soldiers allow it in times of danger, but not at all other times. Believe me, Sir, the Yankees took Trenton before the other Troops knew anything of the matter more than that there was an engagement, and what will still surprise you more, the line that attacked the Town consisted of eight hundred Yankees and there was 1600 Hessians to oppose them. At Princeton, when the 17th Regiment had thrown 3500 southern militia into the utmost confusion, a Regiment of Yankees restored the day. This General Mifflin confessed to me: though the Philadelphia papers tell us a different story. It seems to have been quite forgot, that while the 17th Regiment was engaging those Troops that 600 Yankees had the Town to take against the 40th and 55th Regiments, which

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they did without loss owing to the manner of attack; but enough of this; I don't wish to reflect; but beg leave to assure you that Newspapers and even Letters don't always speak the truth. You may venture to assure your friends that no men fight better or write worse than the Yankees, of which this Letter will be good evidence.

"Dear Sir, I am, with much esteem, your most obed^{t} servant,

"Jn^{o} Sullivan.

"Hon. Meshech Weare, Esq."

In 1777 the three continental regiments from New Hampshire were reorganized, as Mr. Hammond explains in the following note taken from Revolutionary War Rolls, page 551:

Early in the year 1777 the Legislature and Committee of Safety of this state took effectual means to recruit and reorganize the three continental regiments. Orders for the enlistment of men were sent to officers in service in the regiments, and to the colonels of the several militia regiments in the state. Stark resigned the command of the First regiment; Poor of the Second and Reed of the Third were promoted to be brigadier-generals; and many changes were made in the line officers in consequence of resignations, deaths, sickness, &c., although most of those who were in health remained in the field, and a large portion of the men reënlisted for three years, or during the war. As reorganized in April, Stark's old regiment retained its rank as the First New Hampshire Regiment, Reed's became the Second, and Poor's the Third, commanded respectively by Joseph Cilley of Nottingham, Nathan Hale of Rindge, and Alexander Scammell of Durham.

In order to fill up the three continental regiments it was necessary to raise, from the militia regiments of the state, three battalions of 2064 privates. The eighth regiment of militia, "Moses Nichols, Esq., Colonel," comprised those of military age in the towns of Amherst, "Nottingham west," Hollis, Litchfield, Dunstable, Merrimac, Wilton, Raby and Mason. In March, 1777, there were in these towns 1252 men from sixteen to fifty years of age; 128 of them belonging to Wilton. The whole regiment was required to furnish 155 men. These were enlisted from Wilton:

Wm. Adrin Hawkins, Ebenezer Carlton, Joseph Lewis, Jacob Blanchard, Christopher Martin, Uriah Ballard, Amos Holt, William Pettengill, Joseph Gray, William Burton, Nehemiah Holt, John Moss, Nathaniel Needham.

In the roster of the officers of Colonel Scammell's regiment, under date of April, 1777, we find these names:

Isaac Frye, of Wilton, Captain, date of commission, Nov. 7, 1776.
William Hawkins, of Wilton, Lieut., date of commission, Nov. 7, 1776.

Names of men from Wilton found in muster roll of Capt. Isaac Frye's company, Col. Scammell's regiment:

Ebenezer Carlton, Joseph Gray, Jacob Blanchard, Joseph Lewis, Uriah Ballard, Nehemiah Holt, Amos Holt, Jun., William Pettengill, Christopher Martin, William Burton, John Moss, Ichabod Perry, David Haseltine, Humphrey Cram.

The fore mentioned names engage for three years or during the war.

Abiel Abbot, Muster & Pay Master.

Dec. 17th, 1777.

The state bounty was £20, and the compensation for travel, 2d. per mile.

We now give a partial list of Revolutionary soldiers from Wilton, followed by specifications of the services they rendered, either personally or by substitute:

Abbot William,
Ballard Uriah,
Burton Jona,
Bayle William,
Blanchard Joshua,
Blanchard Benja,
Bixby Jacob,
Bixby Lewis,
Butterfield Joseph,
Bridges John,
Blanchard Geo.,
Butterfield Stephen,
Burton William,
Cram Ebenr,
Cram John,
Cram Humphrey,
Cram Zebulon,
Carlton Eben,
Dale Timothy,
Dale Jno,
Fletcher Charles,
Fletcher Oliver,
Greele Jona,
Holden James,
Hutchinson Samuel,
Holt Amos,
Holt Solo,
Holt Nehemiah,
Holt Jeremiah,
Holt Enoch,
Holt Oliver,
Hazeltine Nathan,
Hazeltine David,
How Israel,
Hutchinson Geo.,
Johnson Eben,
Keyes Silas,
Morgan Jonathan,
Putnam Philip,
Putnam Jacob,
Putnam Benja,
Perry Abijah,
Perry Eben,
Perry Jonas,
Perry Eben, Jun.,
Parker Josiah,
Russell Isaac,
*Rayes or Royce Simon,
Smith Uriah,
Stiles Abner,
Town Thomas,
Wilkins Uriah,
Wilkins Archelaus,
Wilkins Archelaus, Jun.,
Whitney Oliver.

The foregoing list is thus indorsed:

The names in this list may be found in the annexed Sheet; being a Memo of certain services performed in New Hampshire† and made by Jona Burton of Wilton, N. H., Hillsboro, Co.

*I have no doubt that name should be Keyes Simon; a man of that name was living, ten years or more before the Revolution, on the farm now owned by Mr. George Parkhurst. In 1776 he was one of the selectmen, and died in 1802.—[S. Putnam.

†This seems to be a mistake; the annexed list shows the services were all performed in other states, except two short terms, one of six weeks and one of one month, performed at Portsmouth.—[S. Putnam.

The following is a copy of the annexed sheet referred to:

William Abbot, Jun. Two months at Winter Hill in the year 1775, one month at Saratoga in 1777, three weeks at Rhode Island in 1780. Personal service.

Solomon Holt, one year in the Canada voyage by Nehemiah Holt, five months in the three years' service, for which he paid £4 3s. 4d.

**Simon Rayes (Keyes?)*, nine months by Amos Holt, Jun., in the three years' voige, for which he paid £7 10s. By Peter Putnam, one month in the year 1780, at West Point, for which he paid £2 8s. the old way.†

Ensign Abner Stiles, three months' personal service at New York in the year 1776. By Uriah Ballard, Jun., six months in the three years' service, for which he paid £5.

Jacob Putnam, five months by Jonathan Greele in the ‡Tie voige, in the year 1776, for which he paid £6. By Ebenezer Carlton, one-eighth of a turn during the war, for which he paid £3 15s.

Jonathan Burton, two months at Winter Hill in the year 1775, five months at the ‡Tie in 1776, three months at Rhode Island in the year 1780, Personal. By Ebenezer Carlton, one-fourth of a turn during the war, for which he paid £7 10s.

Jeremiah Holt, one month personal at Saratoga in the year 1777. By his son Jeremiah, eight months at Winter Hill in the year 1775, eleven months in the Canada voyage in 1776. By his son Enoch, six weeks at Portsmouth in the year 1779.

Capt. Philip Putnam, three months at New York in the year 1776, one month at Saratoga in the year 1777, Personal. By Ebenezer Carlton, one-fourth of a turn during the war, for which he paid £7 10s. By Ebenezer Coston, one year at Boston and Roxbury in 1776, for which he paid £2 8s.

William §Bayle, Jun., two months at Bennington in the year 1777, Personal.

Uriah Smith, five months in the Tie voyage, in 1776, by Caleb Putnam, for which he paid £6. By Silas Keyes, two months at Bennington in the year 1777, for which he paid 20 dollars.

Joshua Blanchard, twelve months by Humphrey Cram in the three years' service, for which he paid £12. Three weeks' personal service in Rhode Island in the year 1780.

Benjamin Blanchard, two months' personal service at Winter Hill in the year 1775. By David Hazeltine, six months in the three years' service, for which he paid £5.

Charles Fletcher, eight months at Winter Hill in 1775; ten months in 1776 at New York, Personal; said service done in other States.

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*Should be Simon Keyes.

†"The old way," I am unable to explain.—[S. Putnam.

‡Ticonderoga.

§That name is spelt in various ways in the early records of Wilton, but for many years it has been spelt Bales.—[S. Putnam.

NAMES OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.—CONTINUED.

Oliver Fletcher, two months at Dorchester in 1775. Personal service, said service done in the other States.

Jacob Bixby, three months' personal service at Boston, forty days at Stillwater; paid 18½ dollars for one month and 2s. 3d. at Tie in the year 1776; paid 26 dollars and 4s. towards the hire of the first three years' men; said service done in the other States.

Lewis Bixby, six months at Rhode Island, 4 months at Cohoos, personal. Paid 26 dollars and 4s. towards the hire of the first three years' men, said service done in the other States.

Oliver Holt, twelve months in the Canada voyage, Personal.

Jonathan Morgan, eight months at Winter Hill in the year 1775, twelve months in 1776 in the Canada voyage, Personal service done for Pelham.

Benjamin Putnam, three years' personal service done for the other States.

Lt. Joseph Butterfield, eighteen months in the three years' service by David Hazeltine, for which he paid £15.

John Bridges, paid to Ebenezer Johnson for one year's service in 1776, £4 10s., and also paid £6 4s. in 1777, and also paid 26 dollars for half a turn to Saratoga in 1777. Said service done in the other States.

Nathan Hazeltine, four months by his son David in the three years' service, for which he paid after his son returned sixteen dollars.

Nathan Hazeltine, Jun., four months by David Hazeltine in the three years' service, for which he paid 16 dollars.

David Hazeltine, four months in the three years' service. Personal.

George Blanchard, two months at Winter Hill in 1775, personal. By Israel How, one month in the Canada voyage in 1776, for which he paid.

Thomas Towne, two months at Bennington in the year 1777, personal.

Abijah Perry, five months at the Tie in 1776. Personal.

Uriah Wilkins, two months in the year 1776 in the Canada voyage, Personal. By his brother Archelaus, four months in the Canada voyage in 1776, and 21 days at Winter Hill in 1775.

Dr. Ebenezer Perry, by his son Jonas, twelve months at Winter Hill; by his son Ebenezer, eight months in the Canada voyage in 1776.

George Hutchinson, by Oliver Whitney, six weeks in the year 1779, for which he paid 26s. the old way.

Ebenezer Cram, two months at Winter Hill in 1775, and two months at Bennington in the year 1777, Personal.

Stephen Butterfield, twelve months, by Nathaniel Hazeltine, in the Canada voyage in 1776, for which he paid £2 2s.

The heirs of *Josiah Parker*, five months at the Tie in the year 1776, Personal. Mr. Parker died Oct. 22, 1776, at Castleton, Vt. [He left the army on the 16th.—Burton's Diary.]

The heirs of *Isaac Russell*, twelve months in the Canada voyage in 1776. [Mr. Russell died Sept. 15, 1776.]

Timothy Dale, twelve months by William Burton in the three years' service, for which he paid £10.

John Dale, twelve months by James Haldin* in the Canada voyage in 1776.

Samuel Hutchinson, nine months by Amos Holt, Jun., in the three years' service, for which he paid £7 10s.

John Cram, six months by his son Humphrey, in the three years' service; by his son Zebulon, one month at Portsmouth, two months at Bennington and three months at West Point.

Archelaus Wilkins, six months by his son Archelaus at Canada in 1776, and twenty-one days at Winter Hill in 1775.†

We continue the record of the doings of the town:

1780, Dec. 5. Chose Mr. William Abbot, Jr., to represent the town of Wilton and one mile slip and Duxbury school farm in the General Assembly of this state for the term of one year.

Also *Voted*, to empower said representatives to vote in the choice of delegates for the Continental Congress, and also to join in calling a convention to settle a plan of government for this state.

1781, May 17. Agreeable to a resolve of the General Assembly of this state,

Voted, to elect one person to represent the inhabitants of this town in a convention, to be holden at Concord on the first Tuesday of June next, for the purpose of laying a plan, or system, of government for the future happiness and well being of the people of this state.

Chose Mr. Jonathan Martin to represent the town in the aforesaid convention.

Sept. 13. *Voted*, to repair the bridge over the river below Mr. Ephraim Peabody's. Chose Abiel Abbot, Jeremiah Abbot and Ebenezer Chandler to repair said bridge, and that the committee proceed to rebuild, or repair, said bridge, and exhibit their accounts.

Oct. 30. Chose Joseph Abbot to serve as grand juror. Whereas the town tax for 1780 was made in old continental currency, and there is a part thereof remains unpaid, and the currency is called in;

Therefore *Voted*, that the constables for that year be directed to receive the outstanding taxes in New Hampshire new emission, at the rate of one of new emission for forty of the old continental currency, or

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* The name undoubtedly should be Holden.—[S. Putnam.

† The following indorsement was on the back of the foregoing list from which this was copied: "The within Mem. was made by Jonathan Burton who was an officer in the New Hampshire Militia from Wilton, N. H. See original in the Papers of Huldah Burton, administratrix. July 4, 1836, N. H."—[S. Putnam.

RECORD OF THE DOINGS OF THE TOWN.—CONTINUED.

1781. Oct. 30. in silver money at the rate of one for one hundred and sixty of said continental currency.

Also, that the constables for the year 1781 be directed to receive the half tax in new emission, or in hard money at the rate of one silver dollar for four of the new emission.

Chose Mr. William Abbot, Jr., to represent the town in the General Assembly, to be holden at Exeter on the third Wednesday in December next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and empower him, for the term of one year from their first meeting, to transact such business and pursue such measures as they judge necessary for them.

1782, Jan. 8. *Voted*, not to accept of the form of government as it is now proposed; 69 against, and none for it.

Chose Rev. Abiel Fisk, Capt. Isaac Frye, Maj. Abiel Abbot, Jacob Abbot, Maj. Greele, Mr. Moses Putnam, Mr. William Abbot, Capt. Putnam, Alexander Milliken, Capt. Hawkin, Ens. Stiles, and Lt. Burton for a committee to make such alterations in the form of government as they shall think proper, and lay the same before the town.*

OBJECTIONS TO ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION, CONTAINED IN THE TOWN RECORDS.

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be convened at Exeter on the second Wednesday in Febry Instant.

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth, that, upon hearing the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union proposed by the United States in Congress assembled, distinctly and repeatedly read, and maturely considering the same, We find ourselves constrained, painful as it may be, to Petition your Honors to examine with a candid and Jealous Eye the following Articles of Confederation, and, if your Honors think best, to Remonstrate and Petition to the Congress of the United States respecting the same. The Articles which strike our Minds with concern are as follows:

In the Fifth Article one clause is, that in determining Questions in the United States in Congress assembled, Each state shall have one vote. This has no regard to numbers or Property; and we fear will have a Tendency to break our Union. The Eighth Article directs that the Continental, or public, Chest shall be supply'd by the several States in proportion to the value of granted and surveyed Lands, improvements and buildings thereon.

* The records of the town from this date until 1851 were destroyed in the fire of January 20, 1851.—[S. Putnam.

This has no reference to the No. of polls, live stock, stock in trade or at Interest.

The Ninth Article, the first Clause, grants to the United States in Congress assembled, the sole and exclusive Right and power of Determining on Peace and War, except in the Cases mentioned in the sixth Article; Is it not a power Greater than the King of Great Brittian in Council or with the House of Lords ever had? or greater than the seven United States of Holland gave their Statholders? May we not suppose that the Members of that August Body, conscious of the Rectitude of their own Intentions, have no Room left to Suspect the Integrity of any future Members thereof? But altho' we admit and believe that Virtue fills the Breast of every Member of that Honorable Body at this Day; We have no good Degree of certainty, that That will be always the Case.

If Canada should acceed to this Confederation, There will be fourteen States; then it will take Eight to make a Majority. In this Case it requires the Assent of nine, which is but one more than a bare Majority; those Nine, admitting there is a possibility of their being vicious Men, may, in some future time, by one exertion involve us in War that may cost us much Blood and Treasure.

Another Clause in the Ninth Article mentions their Transmitting to every State a Copy of the sums of Money they borrow or Emit. We would wish they had added (and the Expenditure or applying the same).

We, your petitioners, could wish an alteration in the above mentioned Articles, but, sensible of our unacquaintedness with Politicks, we presume not to prescribe, but pray your Honors' Mature Consideration thereon.

Signed in behalf of the Town.

Joseph Holt,
Jon^{a} Burton,
John Dale, Jun^{r}
} Selectmen of Wilton.

Wilton, Feb^{ry} 10th 1778.

At a Legal Town Meeting, held at the Meeting House in Wilton on Tuesday, the 10th Day of February, A. D. 1778, by Adjournment, after hearing the above petition repeatedly and distinctly read, and maturely considering the same, Voted that the Selectmen of Wilton in behalf of the Town Sign and transmit to the General Court.

Attest. Joseph Holt, Town Clerk.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, N. H.

1776, Dec. 11. *Voted*, That Dr. Moses Nichols, of Amherst, be Colonel of the Sixth Regiment of Militia of this state; That Capt. Noah Lovewell be Lieut. Colonel, and Capt. Samuel Chase be First Major, and Capt. Abiel Abbot be Second Major of said regiment.

1777, Jan. 14. *Voted*, That Eliphalet Giddings of Exeter, William White of Chester, Otis Baker of Dover, Abiel Abbot, Esq., of Wilton, Thomas Sparhawk, Esq., of Walpole,

1777, Jan. 14. and Samuel Emerson, Esq., of Plymouth, be muster-masters and paymasters of the Continental Battalions now raising in this State, and that the President Notify them accordingly.

Jan. 15. *Voted*, That the following Officers be appointed to their Several offices, hereafter mentioned, in Col. Scammell's Regiment, viz.. Lieut. William Scott, late of Camden, to be a Captain; William Hawkins,* of Wilton, First Lieutenant; Samuel Breding, of Temple, Second Lieutenant; Jason Russell. of Mason, Ensign.

1778, Jan. 3. Roll of Capt. Nathan Ballard allowed and paid £165. Roll of Capt. Philip Putnam allowed and paid £172 5d. Major Abiel Abbot's account as muster-master, £3080, settled.

1780, Oct. 19. *Vote* for the treasurer to discount with Timothy Dale, constable of Wilton, 3763 Dollars out of the tax of said town; it being for so much advanced by said Dale to Jonathan Martin by order of the Committee of Safety.

1781, March 30. *Voted*, That Noah Lovewell, Esq., of Dunstable, be appointed First Colonel of the regiment of this state lately commanded by Brig.-Gen. Nichols; that Samuel Chase, Esq., of Litchfield, be Lieut. Colonel; Abiel Abbot, Esq., of Wilton, First Major, and Capt. James Ford, of Nottingham West, Second Major of said regiment.

PETITION TO THE GENERAL COURT—COPIED FROM STATE PAPERS.

To the Honorable Council and Assembly to be Convened at Concord—

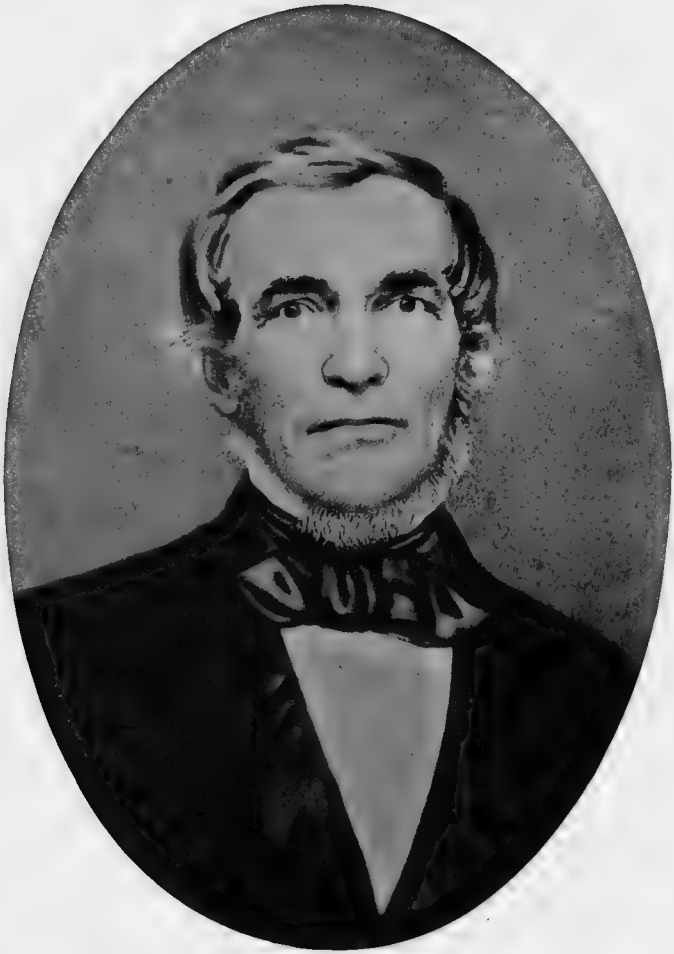
The Petition of us the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth That the Town of Wilton hath for some time past been deprived of a Justice of the peace (which we esteem a great privilege) And at a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town, Voted to reccommend William Abbot, Junr to your Honors to be appointed to the Office of a Justice of the peace, a Compliance of this our request will greatly Oblige your Humble Petitioners— And as in duty bound Shall ever pray—

Abiel Abbot
Jona Burton
Abraham Burton
} Selectmen of Wilton in behalf of said Town.

Wilton December 10th 1783.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilton qualified to vote in Town Meeting on Thursday 16th of Novr 1786: It was put to Vote to see if the Town would chuse to have paper Money emitted on the

* The name is as found in the Journal; it should be William A. Hawkins.—[S. Putnam.



Elisha Putnam

HELIOTYPE PRINTING CO., BOSTON

plan the Gen^{l} Court hath proposed—passed in the negative Unanimously; Voters present 47—Put to vote to see if the Town would chuse to make any alterations in the proposed plan, passed in negative Unanimously. Voters present 47—A true Coppy from the minutes.

Attest William Abbot J^{r} T: Clerk.

PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL—COPIED FROM STATE PAPERS.

To His Excellency the President & the Honorable Council of the State of New Hampshire—

We the Selectmen of Wilton for the Present year—beg leave to recommend the following Persons for field Officers of the *22^{d} Regiment of Militia in s^{d} State (viz)

Capt. Philip Putnam of Wilton—for Colonel
Capt. Ezra Towne of New Ipswich—for L^{t} Col^{o}
Lt. Samuel Gragg of Peterborough—for Maj^{r}
Mr. Abijah Wheeler of Temple—for 2nd Maj^{r}

Which we think give as great Satisfaction as any four Men we can think of that will take s^{d} Commissions all things considered.†

William Abbot J^{r} } Selectmen
Joseph Abbot } of
John Dale J^{r} } Wilton.

RELATIVE TO MILITIA AFFAIRS.

Wilton June 19th 1786.

May it please your Excellency—your letter y^{e} 17th Instant was receiv'd by Col^{o} Putnam, on which we are met & in answer—after Congratulating your Excellency on your arival to the presidency of the State—hopeing beleving & Joyfully relying on your wisdom & Goodness to stear us & Guide us in our Defiqualtys—We say, that we have taken all the Care in our power, to have the Regiment settled—& all the Difiqualty that we know of was the resolve respecting y^{e} Number, time and our attention; for the good of y^{e} Melitia hath, so far succeed, that we are now, able to return a respectable Number for officers and Desier y^{e} Comis^{ns} may Com by Col^{o} putnam—& Intreet the Blanks (if Consistant) may Com for the remainder—as we hope to make a settlement very soon: unless some persons return from Court should advance, a New Doctring—we are unable to Determine the N^{o} of each Company today—and beg blank for it—the returns we will make as soon as posable of those, Not Now returned—we Intreet your Excellency to beleave us when we say that, under the Difiqualty we have been brought into by s^{d} resolve: we have Done all in our

* In the volume of State Papers from which this was copied the figures are *12*, a mistake for *22*.

† This is not dated, but undoubtedly it was in 1786.—[S. Putnam.

power to still the Complaint—& rejoice that we have succeeded so well—& remain your Excellencys most obedient & very Humble Servᵗˢ

Francis Blood
Ezra Towne
Samuel Gragg

N. B. We have not had one of yᵉ Melitia Book, but think we shall in due time. We Desier Colᵒ putnam may make up by writing, or by word of mouth—all we have omitted.

COMMISSION OF CAPTAIN FRYE.

{ SEAL } The United States of America in Congress Assembled.

To Isaac Frye, Esquire: Greeting:

We, Reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valor, Confidence and Fidelity, Do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you to be a Captain in the Third New Hampshire Regiment, in the Army of the United States, to take rank as such from the 1ˢᵗ day of January A. D. 1776. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Captain, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers, under your command, to be obedient to your orders as Captain: And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States, or Commander in Chief for the time being of the army of the United States, or any other your superior Officer, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this, or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress before mentioned, or a Committee of the States.

Witness his Excellency John Jay Esqʳ President of the Congress of the United States of America, at Philadelphia, the 16ᵗʰ day of June 1779, and in the third year of our Independence.

Entered in the War Office and examined by the Board.

John Jay.

Attest—P. Soult, Secretary of the Board.

* Isaac Frye, of Wilton, was Quarter-master in the Third [New Hampshire] Regiment, Col. James Reed, in 1775. On February 26th, 1777, he was appointed, by the Committee of Safety, "a Captain in Col. Scammell's Regᵗ instead of Capt. Scott, who declines." This Commission as here given bears date January 1st, 1776 or 1777 (the figure 6 being apparently altered from 7). March 4th, 1776, he was ordered to raise a company in Col. Scammell's Regiment and receive £300 out of the Treasury to pay bounties. April 5th, 1782, he was appointed muster-master at Amherst.

Captain Frye was also breveted as major by an act of Congress, and his commission was signed by Thomas Mifflin on Nov. 27, 1783.

* Note by Dr. Bouton in State Papers, Vol. VIII, p. 502.

EXTRACT FROM IRVING'S LIFE OF WASHINGTON.

At length arrived the wished-for news of peace. A general treaty had been signed at Paris on the 20th of January, 1783. An armed vessel, the Triumph, belonging to Count d' Estaing's squadron, arrived at Philadelphia from Cadiz, on the 23d of March, bringing a letter from the Marquis de Lafayette to the President of Congress, communicating the intelligence. In a few days Sir Guy Carleton informed Washington by letter, that he was ordered to proclaim a cessation of hostilities by sea and land.

A similar proclamation issued by Congress, was received by Washington on the 17th of April. Being unaccompanied by any instructions respecting the discharge of the part of the army with him, should the measure be deemed necessary, he found himself in a perplexing situation.

The accounts of peace received at different times, had raised an expectation in the minds of those of his troops that had engaged "for the war," that a speedy discharge must be the consequence of the proclamation.

Most of them could not distinguish between a proclamation of a cessation of hostilities, and a definitive declaration of peace, and might consider any further claim on their military services an act of injustice. It was becoming difficult to enforce the discipline necessary to the coherence of an army. Washington represented these circumstances in a letter to the president, and earnestly entreated a prompt determination on the part of Congress, as to what was to be the period of the services of these men, and how he was to act respecting their discharge.

One suggestion of his letter is expressive of his strong sympathy with the patriot soldier, and his knowledge of what formed a matter of pride with the poor fellows, who had served and suffered under him. He urged that, in discharging those who had been engaged "for the war," the noncommissioned officers and soldiers should be allowed to take with them, as their own property, and as a gratuity, their arms and accoutrements. "This act," observes he, "would raise pleasing sensations in the minds of these worthy and faithful men, who, from their early engaging in the war at moderate bounties, and from their patient continuance under innumerable distresses, have not only deserved nobly of their country, but have obtained an honorable distinction over those who, with shorter terms, have gained large pecuniary rewards. This, at a comparatively small expense, would be deemed an honourable testimonial from Congress of the regard they bear to these distinguished worthies, and the sense they have of their suffering virtues and services. These constant companions of their toils, preserved with sacred attention, would be handed down from the present possessors to their children, as honorary badges of bravery and military merit: and would probably be brought forth on some future occasion with pride and exultation, to be improved with the same military ardor and emulation in the hands of posterity as they have been used by their forefathers in the present establishment and foundation of our national independence and glory." This letter despatched, he notified in general orders that the cessation of hostilities should be

proclaimed at noon on the following day, and read in the evening at the head of every regiment and corps of the army, "after which," adds he, "the chaplains with the several brigades will render thanks to Almighty God for all His mercies, particularly for His overruling the wrath of man to His own glory, and causing the rage of war to cease among the nations."

Having noticed that this auspicious day, the 19th of April, completed the eighth year of the war, and was the anniversary of the eventful conflict at Lexington, he went on in general orders, to impress upon the army a proper idea of the dignified part they were called upon to act. "The generous task for which we first flew to arms being accomplished; the liberties of our country being fully acknowledged, and firmly secured, and the characters of those who have persevered through every extremity of hardship, suffering, and danger, being immortalized by the illustrious appellation of *the patriot army*, nothing now remains, but for the actors of this mighty scene to preserve a perfect, unvarying consistency of character through the very last act, to close the drama with applause, and to retire from the military theatre with the same approbation of angels and men which has crowned all their virtuous actions."

The letter which he had written to the president produced a resolution in Congress that the service of the men engaged in the war did not expire until the ratification of the definitive articles of peace; but that the commander-in-chief might grant furloughs to such as he thought proper, and that they should be allowed to take their arms with them.

Washington availed himself freely of this permission; furloughs were granted without stint; the men set out singly or in small parties for their rustic homes, and the danger and inconvenience were avoided of disbanding large masses, at a time, of unpaid soldiery.

Now and then were to be seen three or four in a group, bound probably to the same neighborhood, beguiling the way with camp jokes and camp stories. The war worn soldier was always kindly received at the farm houses along the road, where he might shoulder his gun and fight over his battles.

The men thus dismissed on furlough were never called upon to rejoin the army. Once at home, they sank into domestic life: their weapons were hung over their fireplaces: military trophies of the Revolution to be prized by future generations.*

* See Appendix I.

CHAPTER X.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The facilities for travel, intercourse and the communication of intelligence were, of course, in the time of our forefathers of the most meagre kind. Roads, one of the tests of civilization, were few and poor. It might be said, as in the time of the judges in ancient Israel, that "the highways were unoccupied," or, rather, that highways were not yet opened, and that "the travellers walked through byways." Foot paths from house to house, trails through the forest marked by blazed trees, were the first conveniences of the settlers. Men and women rode on horseback through the woods. And as roads for carriages were gradually opened, fords and ferries were slowly succeeded by bridges, and logs and rails were laid down for rough corduroy highways. The roads ran usually over the hills and shunned the valleys, as the settlers lived on the heights and avoided the lowlands as being marshy, damp and subject to floods, and also more exposed to surprises from the Indians. The roads also crooked around from house to house, without reference to directness, so as to accommodate the settlers in the best way. It was rather remarkable, and showed the high aim of the pioneers, that, while they early set apart a portion of the land beforehand for the support of churches, schools and public improvements, they left the roads and bridge-building to the immediate care of the settlers, and to the tardy votes of the town. Roads would come of themselves by stress of necessity, but the minister, the teacher and the miller must be put beyond doubt or neglect. Bread for the body, and bread for the soul, must be subject to no contingencies.

So, in due time, the roads came as they were forced upon the public attention. But, as it was, there were ten appropriations for the church and the schools, where there was one for bridges and

roads. In the extracts from the town records, previously given in Chapter VIII. (pp. 69–71), will be found votes of the town, passed during the last century, for the appropriation of sums to be expended in the construction and repair of roads and bridges. It will be observed that the persons taxed for these improvements had the privilege of working out the tax at rates established by a vote of the town, and that those who furnished oxen, carts or ploughs were allowed credit at fixed rates for their use.

At a later period, we see by the following tabulated appropriations, drawn from the town records, how heavy a drain upon the resources of the town was made by maintaining old roads and bridges, and opening new ones, in the twenty-one years from 1825 to 1845 inclusive.

WILTON ROAD BILL FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

YEAR.	NEW ROADS AND BRIDGES.	REPAIRING ROADS.	REPAIRING BRIDGES.	TOTAL.
1825	$208 44	$7 50	$113 21	$329 15
1826	750 44	5 00	38 00	793 44
1827	187 04	24 76	145 75	357 55
1828	528 05	3 00	138 12	669 17
1829	70 16		207 99	278 15
1830	12 00	3 75	60 51	76 26
1831	2205 71		270 45	2476 16
1832	165 46	6 24	89 02	260 72
1833			85 77	85 77
1834	20 00	4 70	299 32	324 02
1835		18 30	296 08	314 38
1836	1883 73	24 62	121 64	2029 99
1837	2257 00	69 00	520 20	2846 20
1838	1072 04	694 68	188 57	1955 29
1839	298 00	379 20	238 50	915 70
1840	58 29	394 02	616 30	1068 61
1841	2194 00	91 63	619 18	2904 81
1842	3579 72	411 82	229 34	4220 88
1843	693 26	106 24	151 02	950 52
1844	360 58	92 61	112 62	565 81
1845		262 22	239 61	501 83
	$16,543 92	$2,599 29	$4,781 20	$23,924 41

The foregoing table of the expense of the town of Wilton for making new roads, improving roads, and building and repairing bridges, for the twenty-one years therein stated, does not include the highway tax. The town raised, the same years, a tax for repairing highways of from six to eight hundred dollars annually.

The account from which the foregoing was copied was made

in 1846, by Jonathan Parkhurst and Oliver Barrett, at that time selectmen of Wilton, and was found in the "Old Chest" of records. The labor of breaking out the roads, when drifted, and of keeping them open in the winter during those years was voluntary, and that labor and expense were not made matters of record, though the amount was large.

But the truth about the Wilton roads has been stated so forcibly by Isaac S. Whiting, Esq., in his address at the dedication of the Town Hall, that we cannot do better than quote his words:

But the greatest corporate work of the early days was the roads. No better mark of the progress of a people in civilization can be had than its means of communication. Judged by this standard, the early inhabitants occupy advanced ground. Hardly one of the annual half-dozen town meetings passed without accepting a road. The rapid settlement of the lands necessitated the occupation of remote districts. The whole of the town was settled over early, and roads by which to get from place to place were indispensable. Doubtless we must not set too high a value upon these early road-makings. Their very number would preclude much excellence, and there is no mention of appropriations. Two days' work upon the roads for every man was all that was voted to repair them. The trail, or the rude pathway, was all that was needed for the horse with panniers, or for the ox-cart. But the real road building of the town, and what I consider its greatest work until now, did not begin until 1825, and ended in 1852. Wagons had now come into general use, and the old roads leading mostly to the centre of the town had been widened and smoothed, and the larger streams spanned with bridges. But now a spirit of improvement and enterprise set in, and new roads were pushed through to open new lands, and serve as thoroughfares for ourselves and our neighbors above to Boston. The Peterborough road, the Forest road, the Milford road and others were built in this period, and the grade lessened on some of the old ones. Familiarity with these means of travel, that most of us were born to, blinds us to their importance and to the immense labors our ancestors endured to obtain them. If, as we ride along with our sleigh full, we would but consider that once the pathway was as rough as the pastures and woods and boulders on either side, we should realize the debt we owe to our forerunners. Without them business would be impossible, and social intercourse all but unknown. The records are not complete, and my examination with Mr. Putnam has not been exhaustive, but we figure up $9000 spent in these years for construction and land damages. The real cost must have been several thousand more,—perhaps not far behind the cost of this building [the Town Hall, $20,000]. If I mention the railroad, which was built by private enterprise, I have named nearly all the public institutions that belong to pioneer work.

It was not strange, therefore, that a vigorous opposition should be made to new enterprises in road building, when the town was

already in debt, and a large outlay must be made. The old system of going over the hills required to be changed, and the roads must follow the valleys. Teams and stage-coaches demanded lighter grades. The extension of better roads into the country from below, and the increase of the transportation of heavy merchandise by the establishment of manufactories in towns above, rendered new valley roads a necessity of the times. It was under the stress of this revolution that the roads by the Souhegan River, the Gambol Brook and Stony Brook were made, which are still very useful, though the immediate occasion that called them into existence has passed away. At the same time some of the hill roads have gradually been discontinued or disused.

Perhaps no better picture of the conflicts of parties upon the road questions of sixty or seventy years ago can be given than in the gentle satire, written at the time by a native female bard, which we give below. No embers remain now in the cold ashes, which it might be dangerous or discourteous to disturb, but the fun and the laugh remain as we recall the vigorous contests of the friends and the opponents of the new undertaking.

ROAD POETRY.

Says S———h "a village I will build,
"On Gambrel's banks it shall arise;
"With merchandize it shall be fill'd,
"With stores, and mills, and factories.

"To make a road without a hill,"
He said likewise, "do I intend;
"From Peterborough to my vill,
"And down to H———n's to end."

To bring about the grand design,
He thought it best to seek for aid,
So, he and L———e combine,
And to the court petition made.

Says S———s "should the road be laid,
"Such sums of money I must spend,
"To Concord, I am much afraid,
"The town will not again me send.

"And though all falsehood I detest,
"To gain applause, I'll try my skill;
"I'll make remonstrances, the best
"Of all, that ever wield the quill."

So, "honoured sirs, 'twould not be wise,
"To make this dark, and dreary road;
"Thro' bogs, and fens, and woods it lies,
"There unmolested dwells the toad.

"'Twould make the stoutest Town clerk quake,
"To travel through this dangerous way;
"There dwells the frog, and speckled snake,
"There night birds scream, and squirrels play.

"There not a lonely hut is seen,
"Nor sheds the sun its cheering rays,
"Nor smiles a single hamlet green,
"But frightful *Ignes fatui* blaze;

"And not alone by night they burn,
"But here, amid the brightest day,
"These dread delusive phantoms turn,
"The lonely traveller from his way.

"And now kind sirs, I beg your aid,
"This threat'ning evil to prevent;
"So great's the expense, 'twould not be paid,
"But all our money would be spent.

"Far better climb the loftiest hills,
"Where beauteous rocks in cones arise;
"Where fleecy snow, in hugest piles,
"Like Andes' summits pierce the skies."

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Some few the road did advocate,
With earnest zeal their cause support,
The conference lasted long and late:
The wise Committee made report.

"We've thought the matter o'er and o'er;
"We wish no party to offend.
"We think it best to say no more,
"And in oblivion let it end.

"'Tis very true, the place we view'd,
"No frightful spectres cross'd our way,
"Perhaps conceal'd in yonder wood,
"They hid themselves from face of day.

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"We cannot once the 'squire dispute,
"Nor Æsculapius, learn'd and wise,
"Nor Judge, nor Vulcan, will refute,
"For we their friendship highly prize.

"Some evil which we cannot scan,
"In caves, or mountains lurk unseen:
"Though there we saw the smoothest plain,
"And pleasing forests dress'd in green.

"When airy phantoms cease to be;
"And dark deceit no more shall reign,
"When falsehood from the earth shall flee,
"This road shall stretch along the plain.

"But ere this peaceful happy time,
"Th' important subject we suspend;
"The people must o'er mountains climb,
"And road, and village have an end."

But the road was finally built.

CHAPTER XI.

MAIL ROUTES AND CARRIERS—STAGING—POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS.

The first mail route through Wilton was established about 1788, and ran from Keene to Portsmouth over the old county road through the north part of the town. The first post-rider was Ozias Silsbee. He was succeeded by Messrs. Wright, Philips and Thayer. The latter died very suddenly in Amherst, August 4, 1807, of injuries received in a playful scuffle with Mr. Cushing, the editor of the Farmers' Cabinet.

Mr. Daniel Gibbs succeeded Mr. Thayer and carried the mail on horseback for about eight years. The mail-pouch was about two feet long, and from eight to ten inches wide, but was amply sufficient to carry the postal matter that passed over the road at that time. The post-rider had also a pair of saddle-bags, each end of which would hold nearly, or quite, half a bushel, in which he carried newspapers and express packages. He passed down through Wilton on Sundays, and back on Thursdays. During the War of 1812 he was accustomed to call out the news, good or bad, to those who were within hearing, as, for instance, "Glorious news! Commodore Perry has captured the whole British fleet on Lake Erie;" or, if the news were bad, with a melancholy expression he doled out, "Bad news! The British have captured and burned Washington."

About 1816, Mr. Gibbs commenced driving a wagon; he did a good deal of express business and had some passengers. He was prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties. Mr. Gibbs died in Peterborough, September 25, 1824, at the age of seventy-three, from being thrown from his wagon on the rocks beneath the great bridge over the Contoocook, his horses backing off the bridge. Mr. Gibbs lived but a short time after the accident.

Before the establishment of the post office in 1816, a number of copies of the New Hampshire Patriot, published at Concord by Isaac Hill, and one or two copies of the New Hampshire Sentinel, published at Keene by John Prentiss, were brought to subscribers in Wilton by Mr. Gibbs. But the majority of the people took the Farmers' Cabinet, published at Amherst by Richard Boylston. Each subscriber, in his turn, went to Amherst for the papers on Saturday, and distributed them on Sunday. Mr. Boylston kept the tally, and marked, each week, the paper of him whose turn came next. Letters, too, were forwarded to the one whose turn was next in succession, and thus reached the post office at Amherst. Verily, those were primitive times.

About the time of Mr. Gibbs's death the route was changed from the north road to the road through the middle of the town. Mr. Gibbs's son took the route and soon commenced running a two-horse carriage, which continued until the seventh of July, 1828, when the four-horse coach line from Keene to Nashua was started.

STAGING.

The "team" from Nashua to Milford was owned by Mr. Frederic Lovejoy; the team from Milford to West Wilton, by Mr. Joseph Holt; that from West Wilton to Peterborough was owned by Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Silas Winn and Mr. John Holt, and the team from Peterborough to Keene, by Messrs. Senter and Cunningham. In a few years Mr. John Holt and Mr. Lovejoy owned the line from Peterborough to Nashua, and Mr. Holt was the driver. About 1833, an accommodation line was started, and then there was a coach each way through town daily. On the opening of the Boston and Lowell Railroad to Lowell, the stage line was extended to Lowell, and so continued until the railroad was built to Nashua. The line was shortened as the railroad was extended to Danforth's corner, Milford and Wilton. The railroad was opened to Wilton in December, 1851.

The drivers who had served the longest terms up to that time were Mr. John Holt, Mr. John Leach, Mr. Benjamin P. Cheney, who has since been extensively engaged in the express business and is now a wealthy man in Boston, and Capt. Porter. The line had been for a number of years in charge of Col. Fox of Nashua.

After the opening of the railroad to Wilton, the proprietors ran their stages from Wilton to Peterborough until October, 1870, when they sold out to the railroad company; the line was then continued

under the direction of Mr. John Dane of Hancock, as agent, until the opening of the railroad to Greenfield, about the first of January, 1874, took the last stages from Wilton.

The Forest road in Wilton was built in 1831. In the spring of 1832, Mr. Joy of Nashua started a coach on the Forest road and the line was continued to Charlestown, New Hampshire. Prior to 1837, there were connected with the lower section of the line, that between Wilton and Hancock, beside Mr. Joy, either as proprietors or drivers, Mr. Iram Woods, two young men by the name of Wyman, Mr. Pennock, Mr. Nathan Dane, Mr. George W. Tarbell and probably others; Mr. Dane and Mr. Tarbell being the proprietors. In December, 1837, Hon. Hiram T. Morrill, now of Nashua (1885), bought Mr. Tarbell's interest, and soon after Mr. Dane sold his to Mr. Phelps, and in 1840 or 1841, Mr. Phelps sold to Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall retained his interest but a short time, when Mr. R. R. Howison and Mr. Howland Prouty, both now of Milford, became partners of Mr. Morrill. After a few years Mr. Prouty sold to Morrill and Howison, who retained their interest in the line until they sold it in October, 1870, to the railroad company, who ran the line until the railroad was opened to Greenfield. Among the drivers on this line, other than the proprietors, were Charles Leavitt, Elbridge Harris, Ezra Pettengill and Mr. Sanborn. During the time the stages ran through Wilton they were well patronized, and at times had to run extras.

While Morrill and Phelps owned the line an accident happened, about three-fourths of a mile from the depot, at a corner in the road near the foot of a moderate descent. Water had flowed over the road and had frozen; one of the horses slipped upon the ice, and horses and coach were precipitated from the bank upon the river ice, three feet below. The driver and the passengers escaped with slight injuries, one horse and the coach were considerably damaged, and the town had to pay something over one hundred dollars for damages.

The road from Gray's corner to Greenville was completed in 1843. Soon after a mail-route was established from Manchester to New Ipswich, passing through Wilton. A part of the time four-horse teams, and some of the time two-horse teams, have been used on the route. A few years since, that part of the route between Milford Village and East Wilton was discontinued. The names of some of the drivers through Wilton were Porter, Thomas, Sanborn, Batch-

elder. At the present time, 1884, the mail is carried with one horse and carriage.

Soon after the railroad was opened to Greenfield, the route from West Wilton to East Wilton was established, and Mr. Abiel Frye had the contract for carrying the mail daily over the route until his decease, June 21, 1886.

POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS.

The Wilton post office was established October 1, 1816. The following list is given by the Department at Washington, consisting of the titles of the post offices in different parts of the town, the names of the postmasters, and the dates of their appointment:

OFFICE.	POSTMASTERS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
WILTON	John Mack,	October 1, 1816.
	Elijah Stockwell,	February 21, 1824.
	Hervey Barnes,	April 4, 1826.
	Stephen Abbott,	February 27, 1828.
	Ezra Buss,	January 4, 1837.
	Timothy Parkhurst,	January 3, 1838.
	Isaac Blanchard,	June 7, 1845.
	Varnum S. Holt,	February 9, 1856.
	To Wilton Centre,	April 16, 1856.
WILTON CENTRE LATE WILTON	Varnum S. Holt,	April 16, 1856.
	To West Wilton,	April 23, 1856.
WEST WILTON LATE WILTON CENTRE	Varnum S. Holt,	April 23, 1856.
	Philander Ring,	April 21, 1858.
	Henry O. Sargent,	December 10, 1877.
EAST WILTON ESTABLISHED FEB'Y 24, 1831	Ballard Pettengill,	February 24, 1831.
	William M. Edwards,	January 4, 1833.
	John Merrill,	January 19, 1835.
	William M. Edwards,	October 30, 1835.
	Ephraim Hackett,	February 14, 1839.
	James M. Dane,	February 17, 1842.
	Albert Farnsworth,	July 22, 1853.
	Leonard Pettengill,	February 28, 1854.
	To Wilton,	April 16, 1856.
WILTON LATE EAST WILTON	Leonard Pettengill,	April 16, 1856.
	Nathan Flint,	July 20, 1861.
	William J. Bradbury,	December 14, 1869.
	Alfred E. Jaques,	August 4, 1875.

CHAPTER XII.

SOCIETIES, LODGES, GRANGE, AND GRAND ARMY POST.

A great change has taken place in the community during the last fifty years in regard to social life. In the earlier times, when the population was sparse, and families lived remote from one another, and the means of communication from neighborhood to neighborhood were more difficult, the opportunities of social intercourse were more rare than in this day of railroads and steam navigation. In country towns, too, the improved roads and carriages and increased facilities for neighborly intercourse have multiplied the ties of human acquaintance and brotherhood. Hence a multitude of clubs, societies, lodges and granges has sprung up, and has inaugurated what may be called "the social age" or "the age of association." This has come to be what may be called a species of secular church. It is the forerunner of the more perfect spiritual union of mankind, established, not merely on grounds of temporal but of eternal interest and of diviner brotherhood.

THE LITERARY AND MORAL SOCIETY.

One of the earliest movements of this kind was the establishment, in 1815 or 1816, of the Wilton "Literary and Moral Society" by the pastor of the town, Rev. Thomas Beede. He was aided in this undertaking by a number of intelligent and public-spirited young men and women, who desired a higher education and a culture beyond what the schools and academies could give. A description of this institution can best be given in the language of one of its members, Rev. Warren Burton:

The members of this early society consisted of young gentlemen and ladies, and there were a few boys, like myself, who had a literary taste

such as to admit them to a companionship with their superiors. We met at first once a week or fortnight at Mr. Beede's house, and then in a parlor in the Buss House (or hotel), as it used to be called. We should have been lost in the spaciousness of a hall.

There our revered pastor presided over us under the title of Instructor, if I rightly remember. We discussed literary and moral questions orally or by writing. Indeed, subjects were given out at each meeting to be written upon against the next, and the essays were read before the society and then put into the hands of the Instructor to be corrected. These were to me, and I doubt not to the rest, delightful meetings. Impulses were given there, which in the chain of causes must, I think, have been of valuable consequence.

Among those whose names can now be recalled as belonging to this early society are Samuel Abbot, Samuel Barrett, Phœbe Abbot, Sarah W. Livermore, the Misses Rockwood, Warren Burton, Abner Flint and others, besides the family of the pastor, Rev. Thomas Beede.

THE LYCEUM.

The next association was the Wilton Lyceum. This was a more general and popular organization, designed not for a special few but for the benefit of the public at large. Its organization was simple, and its meetings were held in what was called the "Brick Hall," over Messrs. Haskell and Whitney's store. A chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, with a board of directors, constituted the management. The employment of home talent was encouraged, and seldom, if ever, was any paid lecturer called to the stand. A certain person, then a student in Harvard College, recollects giving a lecture on "The Diffusion of Useful Knowledge," and another lecture on "The Prussian System of Popular Education," before this august body. Debates on the questions of the day sometimes took the place of a formal address.

THE LECTURE BUREAU.

The next step in the social and educational development of the town was the still more popular assembly, gathered to hear some distinguished lecturer from abroad, a Chapin, a King, a Giles, a Parker, a Mann, a Taylor, or a Gough, either sent out by some Lecture Bureau, or coming on his own responsibility. But, in general, the expense of these lecturers from abroad was too heavy for small country towns. Still later the system has been worked up to the establishment of courses of lectures, interspersed

with musical, humorous and dramatic entertainments. Circulars are issued at the beginning of the winter campaign and courses are arranged for the season. Tickets are issued for the season at a fixed price. In some towns the method is adopted of replenishing the church treasury by resorting to such courses of lectures. Thus the concert and the theatre are subsidized in the support of religious institutions.

By all these methods the sociability and intelligence of society have been advanced. A new leaf has been turned over in civilization, and, if great and crying evils exist in society, we cannot tell how much more general and malignant they would be if no social methods were put in train for the improvement and cordial understanding of society, regardless of church, caste or party.

MASONIC.

The first Masonic service in Wilton of which we have any account was the funeral of Deacon John Burton, who died November 18, 1816, aged 78 years.

Rev. Thomas Beede (a brother Mason) preached a sermon at the meeting-house, and conducted the other customary services; then a procession was formed, which, to the music of three or four clarionets, two bassoons, a fife and a muffled drum, proceeded to the north cemetery, where the Masonic ceremonies were performed.

He was one of the first deacons of the church in Wilton, and sat in the deacons' seat, and, for many years, took the lead of the singing. He had a clear, strong tenor voice, and was noted for song-singing, "Burns's Farewell" being his favorite. Probably no resident of Wilton ever rode so little in proportion to what he walked as did Deacon Burton. His interest in Masonry was well exemplified by his habit of walking to Amherst to attend Lodge meetings, it being not less than ten miles from his home.

The following notice was published in the Farmers' Cabinet:

MUSICAL AND MASONIC.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public exhibition of Sacred Music at Wilton on Monday, the 28th day of December next. The pieces selected for the occasion are: "Stand Up, my Soul," "Blow the Trumpet," "The Dying Christian," "Sheffield," "The Heavens are Telling," and "Strike the Cymbal." A dinner will be provided, and a discourse is expected from Rev. Mr. Fay of Harvard, Mass. The brethren of Bethel Lodge, No. 24, and of Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, will celebrate the birth of St. John the Evangelist at the same time and place.

The following officers are appointed to preside over them on that day, viz.:

Thomas Beede, Master; Aaron Whitney, S. Warden; N. D. Gould, J. Warden; Ira Wilkins, Treasurer; Henry Isaacs, Secretary; Seth King and Josiah Converse, Marshals; J. Pritchard, S. Deacon; John Secomb, J. Deacon; Nathaniel Emerson, Thomas Bennett, Asa Pritchard and Jonas C. Champney, Stewards; Joseph Boutelle and James Kennedy, Tylers; Rev. Mr. Fay, Orator, and Rev. Mr. Hill, Substitute.

The procession will be formed at the Hall of Messrs. Haskell and Whitney, precisely at eleven o'clock, A. M., and will move to the meeting-house where the services will be performed. Dinner is to be on the table at half-past two, P. M.

Brethren of neighboring Lodges are invited to join in the celebration; and all Masons are requested to give a punctual attendance with their appropriate Jewels and clothing.

Tickets for the dinner may be had at the store of Messrs. Haskell and Whitney on the day of the celebration at one dollar each.

Wilton, Nov. 26th, 1818.

On the day of the celebration the meeting-house was full. Dea. N. D. Gould, then of New Ipswich, the most celebrated singer of his time in these parts, led the singing. Of the Masons present, many of them wore the Royal Arch insignia.

The early Masons of Wilton were Dea. Burton, Rev. Thomas Beede, Col. Jonathan Burton, Capt. John Burton, Joel Abbot, Esq., Dr. John Putnam, John Dale and probably others.

In 1825, several machinists came to Wilton, who were engaged in setting up the machinery for the old factory, of whom George Kinson, Ira Bliss, John A. Burnham and Joseph Putnam were Masons.

About 1826, Asa Jones, Ephraim Brown, Moses and Charles Spalding, Joseph B. Howard, Eliphalet and Abiel A. Putnam and Luther Dascomb were made Masons in Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, at Milford.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the state of New Hampshire in June, 1827, a charter was granted to organize a lodge in Wilton, by the name and style of Clinton Lodge, No. 52. The hall over the brick store, now the house of Mrs. Henry Newell, was fitted up to accommodate the Lodge, and November 30th, 1827, the Lodge was consecrated and the officers were installed.

The officers were:

Thomas Beede, W. Master; George Kinson, Sen. Warden; Abiel A. Putnam, Jun. Warden; John Dale, Treasurer; Jonathan Burton, Secretary; Eliphalet Putnam, Sen. Deacon; Charles Spalding, Jun. Deacon; Jacob Lovejoy and Joseph B. Howard, Stewards; Moses Spalding, Marshal, and Ephraim Brown, Tyler.

The first work in the Lodge was at the regular communication, January 2d, 1828, when Samuel King, William Emerson and Sewall Putnam were initiated in the Entered Apprentices' Degree. They each subsequently took the Fellow-Crafts' and Masters' Degrees.

The Lodge flourished for a year or two, when the Morgan excitement gave Masonry a check. The Lodge continued to meet for about five years, but there was little or no work done after the first two years. Those who were Masters of the Lodge during that time were, Rev. Thomas Beede, George Kinson, Elijah Stockwell, Ephraim Brown and Eliphalet Putnam.

There were no meetings of the Lodge for about twenty years, when the Lodge was reorganized under the original charter, was reconsecrated, and the officers were installed by the Grand Lodge, M. W. Alfred Greele, Grand Master.

The Lodge has had its times of prosperity, as also of adversity; twice the hall that it occupied has been burned, with its furniture, and its records prior to February 2d, 1867, have been destroyed.

Of those who have held the office of Master of the Lodge since its reorganization, are Madison Templeton, Caleb W. Hodgdon, Lewis Howard, Charles H. Burns, Thomas H. Dillon, Edmund P. Hutchinson, William A. Davis, George S. Neville, David A. Gregg, Daniel Cragin, David W. Russell, John Gage, William H. Barnes, Rufus F. Stowe, Frank E. Hutchinson, William H. Putnam and Frank P. Martin.

On examination of the records of the Lodge, now extant, ample evidence is found that the Lodge has not been derelict in its duty to the widow, the orphan and the needy.

ADVANCE GRANGE.

Early in the year 1874 the necessary papers for the preliminary steps in the organization of subordinate granges were placed in the hands of one of our farmers, who, on receiving them, called upon another prominent farmer and found him ready to engage in the work. They started together to circulate a petition for a charter, and found most of those whose attention they called to the subject, ready to sign at once. A few hesitated on account of the existence of a farmers' club, which was then in a flourishing condition. These subsequently waived their objections, and the leading members of the club became charter members of the grange. On the afternoon of February 20, 1874, Worthy Brother Deputy C. C. Shaw in-

stituted Advance Grange with thirty members, the maximum number then allowed as charter members. Their names are as follows:

Henry Gray, George Buss, Mrs. George Buss, Levi A. Pierce, Mrs. Levi A. Pierce, Charles C. Spalding, Henry N. Gray, Mrs. Henry N. Gray, Joseph W. Stiles, Waldo Foster, Mrs. Waldo Foster, Charles White, James Hutchinson, John D. Wilson, David W. Russell, Gardner Blanchard, Mrs. Gardner Blanchard, A. D. Abbot, Mrs. A. D. Abbot, George H. Keyes, Mrs. George H. Keyes, George Barrett, Mrs. George Barrett, George L. Dascombe, Mrs. George L. Dascombe, W. K. McGregor, Mrs. W. K. McGregor, Charles Wilson, Jacob Putnam and Thomas Law.

The officers elected for the first year were as follows:

Master, Henry Gray; Overseer, Waldo Foster; Lecturer, G. L. Dascombe; Steward, Geo. H. Keyes; Assistant Steward, Henry N. Gray; Chaplain, Charles Wilson; Treasurer, Gardner Blanchard; Secretary, A. Dwight Abbot; Gate Keeper, J. W. Stiles; Ceres, Mrs. Henry N. Gray; Pomona, Mrs. Levi A. Pierce; Flora, Mrs. Gardner Blanchard; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. George H. Keyes.

Many others were desirous of joining, but could not be received at that time, being excluded by the rules. These persons took an early opportunity to present applications in the prescribed form, and were accepted. At the annual meeting for choice of officers for the year 1875, the old board was reëlected entire.

Since that time the Masters have been:

Henry Gray, 1876; George H. Keyes, 1877–78; George L. Dascombe, 1879–80; A. Dwight Abbot, 1881–82; Rufus F. Stowe, 1883; A. H. Gage, 1884; George S. Fowler, 1885; Willis H. Abbot, 1886.

Since the organization of the Grange, there have been one treasurer and two secretaries—A. Dwight Abbot and, since 1881, Mrs. A. Dwight Abbot. Whole number of members from the beginning, 141; present number, 97; lost by death, 10, and by removal from town, 19. Meetings have usually been held once in two weeks.

GRAND ARMY POST.

Abiel A. Livermore Post, No. 71, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized at Depot Hall, Wilton, New Hampshire, on Thursday evening, September 6, 1883, with seventeen charter members.

The following officers were chosen:

Commander, A. A. Clark; S. V. Commander, C. A. Emerson; J. V. Commander, C. H. Ham; Adjutant, Henry O. Sargent; Quartermaster, C. C. Spalding; Surgeon, J. R. Dascombe; Chaplain, Rev. A. E. Tracy; Officer of the Day, I. N. Hutchinson; Officer of the Guard, D. Mahoney; Sergeant Major, Lucius A. Way; Quartermaster's Sergeant, T. H. Hurley.

The records show that at this time, 1887, the Post has consisted of thirty-seven comrades. One, T. H. Hurley, has deceased.

Soon after the close of the war a large part of the survivors left Wilton, and have since resided in other places; others have died.

We copy from the record of the memorial service held in 1884.

Post met at 12.30 at Post room to attend decoration services. The procession immediately formed in the following order: The Post under the command of the officer of the day, I. N. Hutchinson; the commander in command of the procession; the junior vice commander at the head of the band; the scholars of District No. 4 with their teachers, and the representatives of other schools in town.

The procession moved down Main to Forest street, halting at the hotel, where the orator of the day was received; thence to the depot, thence up Park street to the Unitarian church, where the memorial services of the G. A. R. were performed, which consisted of reading the orders for memorial services from National and Department Headquarters, reading of the Scriptures by Rev. A. E. Tracy, oration by Rev. S. C. Fletcher, colonel of 6th Maine Volunteers, afterward colonel of 1st Maine Veterans. The oration was listened to with much attention, was well delivered and well received; in fact, was full of solid shot. Patriotic songs by the choir under the leadership of Comrade C. W. Edwards, remarks by Rev. I. S. Lincoln, prayer by Rev. H. D. Dix.

Services at the church being ended, the procession was reformed in the same order as before, and, accompanied by citizens in carriages, marched to the cemetery on the hill, where prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. Tracy, and the memorial service was performed by decorating with a wreath and shield each grave of those of our comrades that have gone before. Thence to the south yard, where Rev. G. C. Trow made the prayer, and the graves were visited by the whole Post, and floral offerings were placed upon the mounds. Thence to the north, or Vale End, cemetery, where like services were performed. The Post took carriages and met at Depot Hall, thence marched, escorted by the band, to the Post room, where a resolution was passed thanking the speaker for his able and eloquent address, the scholars for turning out so bountifully, and the citizens for their timely contributions and other favors, and last, though not least, the band, which exceeded our most sanguine expectations in assisting us in making the occasion a glorious success; in fact, a red-letter day in the history of the good old town of Wilton.

REGULAR MEETING.

May 11, 1885. By the invitation of the Rev. G. D. Black of the Unitarian church, the Post voted to attend divine service there on Memorial Sunday, May 24. Post met as per order of the last meeting at 10.30 o'clock. The Post marched to the Unitarian church, where the Sunday memorial services were held, the sermon by Rev. G. D. Black. The church was packed—a pleasant though sad reminder of the days that are passed.

MEMORIAL DAY.

May 30, 1885. The order of the services was the same as the year previous; singing by a double male quartet, oration by Hon. C. H. Burns, who gave one of his best addresses, and the closing prayer by Rev. D. E. Adams. After the close of the services the procession was reformed, and proceeded to the several cemeteries, where the decoration services were appropriately performed.

May 11, 1885. Comrade Rev. A. E. Tracy, having severed his relationship with the Second Congregational church and being about to remove from town, presented a request for a discharge, which was granted him.

SAD EVENT.

March 1, 1886. As Mr. Timothy H. Hurley was driving a load of wood down the hill near Mr. Pierce Gage's, the yoke by which his horses held the load broke, and he fell forward, the sled running upon him. When he was discovered, his neck was broken and his body so mangled that it was evident that his death must have been instantaneous. Mr. Hurley was a charter member of A. A. Livermore Post, No. 71, G. A. R., and, at its organization, was elected Quartermaster's Sergeant, and held the office until his death.

RECORDS.

At the regular meeting of A. A. Livermore Post, G. A. R., May 8, 1886, the death of Comrade Hurley was announced by the Adjutant, and eulogistic remarks were made by comrades, and the following resolutions were adopted by the Post:

Whereas, in view of the loss we have sustained by the decease of our comrade and associate, Timothy H. Hurley, and the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him, therefore be it

Resolved, that it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that, in regretting his removal from our midst, we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved, that in the death of our comrade, this Post laments the loss of one of its most active members, whose utmost endeavors were exerted for its welfare and prosperity.

Resolved, that we tender to the widow and the children in their great affliction our kindest sympathy, and would express the hope that their grief may in a measure be assuaged by the knowledge that his life had not been lived in vain, but that both as a soldier and a citizen, he was honest, upright, and faithful to every trust.

Resolved, that these resolutions be placed on the records of the Post, and a copy be transmitted to the family of our deceased comrade, and to the Wilton Journal and the Veterans' Advocate for publication.

Voted, to pay funeral expenses of Comrade Hurley, if not in excess of thirty dollars.

RECORDS.—CONTINUED.

Voted, to order the Adjutant to pay those bills and send them receipted to Mrs. Hurley, the widow of Comrade Hurley, and to draw on the Quartermaster for the funds.

Voted, that the Quartermaster's Sergeant's badge, being property of the Post, be given to his widow and his boys as a keepsake.

RECORDS OF MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

May 30, 1886. Post assembled at the middle of the town, where they were reënforced by twenty comrades of Post No. 15, and attended services in Rev. Mr. Trow's church, which was completely filled by comrades and their friends. Rev. Mr. Trow conducted the services in a highly impressive and satisfactory manner. A collation, consisting simply of coffee and crackers, was furnished at Citizens' Hall by the Post. At 2 o'clock the Post, with visiting comrades and friends, filled the Unitarian church at the Centre and listened to a stirring and patriotic address from Professor H. H. Lincoln.

RECORDS OF DECORATION DAY.

May 31, 1886. Post met at the Post room and formed a procession, and at 1.15 P. M. marched down Maple street to the residence of Mr. S. N. Center, where Rev. D. E. Adams, the orator of the day, was taken in, countermarched up Maple street, taking in on the way Rev. I. S. Lincoln, then marched to the Town Hall, which was filled by an appreciating audience.

The order of the services at the hall was the same as in previous years. The procession was reformed, and proceeded to the several cemeteries and garlanded the graves with wreaths and flowers. In the south yard a sad picture was presented to the Post; the widow, with her children around her, bowed in grief at the grave of Comrade Hurley.

RECORDS OF MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

May 29, 1887. By invitation of the pastor, memorial services were had at the Unitarian church at East Wilton.

RECORDS OF DECORATION DAY.

May 30, 1887. The day was observed by the Post, scholars and citizens with unabated interest, by a procession and customary services at the Town Hall, Dr. A. F. Holt, surgeon general on the staff of Gov. Ames of Massachusetts, being the orator. The exercises were arranged in the following order: Reading of orders, Scripture reading, prayer, song, "Let the Dead and the Beautiful Rest," reading of poem by Miss Grace Blanchard, oration by Gen. A. F. Holt, song, "Flowers We Bring to Deck Each Grave," benediction.

The services were of high order and were duly appreciated. The procession was reformed and proceed to the several cemeteries, and profusely garlanded the graves of the soldiers.

POEM WRITTEN FOR A. A. LIVERMORE POST, NO. 71,

BY REV. FRANK L. PHALEN.

Hail to the soldier heroes dead,
Who silent sleep in narrow bed,
Beneath the sod, or in the sea,
Where'er their sacred ashes be,
Whether they lie 'neath costly stone,
Or in some nameless grave unknown.
We count them all, brave men and true,
Our noble boys who wore the blue.

Hail to the men who won the field,
Who bared their breasts, a living shield,
To meet the rebel battle shock,
And stood as firm as granite rock
Until the bloody strife was o'er,
And treason crushed to rise no more.

Unfurl the Stars and Stripes and bring
The sweetest flowers that bloom in spring;
The fairest roses, white and red;
Spread wreaths and garlands o'er the dead.
Let music swell their hard-won praise,
And eloquence her strong voice raise;
Let every patriot's heart beat high
And tears of joy fill every eye.

No grander deeds were ever done,
On land or sea, beneath the sun,
Than in that awful civil fight,
When rebels rose in treacherous might
To stab Columbia to the heart,
And our loved Union tear apart.

The loyal North forgives the Gray,
But never, while the light of day
Is different from the black of night,
Will Union men call *treason* right.
No, never will the Northern mind
Become so foolish or so blind.

The South was *wrong*, the North was *right*,
They struck our Flag, they lost the fight.
This is the verdict history gives,
And it shall stand while justice lives;
While Union soldiers live to tell
Of rebel prisons, worse than hell;
While widows, orphans, crippled men
Can raise a voice or use a pen;
While hearts are true and speech is strong;
While men are men and wrong is wrong.

CHAPTER XIII.

CHURCHES AND ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS.

The history of religion in any community or nation is one of the best keys to understand the character and aim of that community or nation. But this is especially true of our New England towns, for the fundamental motive of their settlement was religion. Our forefathers came to America, not for trade or mines of silver and gold, but for freedom to worship God after the dictates of their hearts and consciences, unawed by king or priest. Nor does it make any difference that they held very narrow views of the real nature of religious liberty, and were more anxious for their own liberty than for securing it to all men on an impartial basis. Their liberty was thus limited to what may be called Puritan, Congregational freedom, not Quaker, Baptist, Episcopalian, or universal freedom. Still, so far as it went, it was true liberty, and it has proved the germ of our ever enlarging toleration and liberty in all directions, civil, religious and social, until it has burst all ecclesiastical bounds and has separated church and state, emancipated the slaves and made America the glorious synonyme of liberty to all the world.

In taking up, therefore, a brief sketch of the history of religion in our good town of Wilton for the past one hundred and fifty years, since it had a name to live, the idea of religious liberty has been the genius of the place. This idea has opened the door to freer forms of faith and to more toleration of sentiment. The principle is the old doctrine of Martin Luther, of "the right of private judgment;" it is what Roger Williams called "soul-liberty," that every one should have the privilege and be encouraged to worship God according to his own conscientious views, with none to molest or to make him afraid. This principle inaugurated "the voluntary

THE OLD MEETING HOUSE.

BUILT IN 1779

system," which has proved a better way of supporting religious institutions than the old method of compulsive taxation. Both civil and religious liberty have worked well in our country.

The religious interests of the Puritans were their supreme interests. For these they lived, labored, prayed and suffered. If other lands and climes can boast of richer soils, milder skies, more precious mines, it is the glory of New England that the motto of her homes and her churches, her states and her schools and colleges has been "*Christo et ecclesiæ*," "To Christ and the church."

CHURCHES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS.

We have already seen the origin of the religious history of the town in the provision made by the original grantors to establish a town church, as was customary in those days. This town church, to the support of which all contributed by annual taxes, and on whose services almost all the inhabitants regularly attended, was for many years the only church in town, and went under the name of the Congregational Church, that being the form of the church government.

The foresight of the original proprietors, who made grants and encouraged the first settlers, is shown also in making provision for education by setting apart a share of two hundred and forty acres for schools, and a like generous provision for the first minister of one share, and for the church of one share. The latter was called glebe land, so that a goodly amount of the land was consecrated to education and religion; a noble testimony to the appreciation of these twin agencies of civilization and human welfare. Should we have the public spirit to do as much now in a like situation?

The conditions of ministerial settlement were a bonus of sixty pounds sterling, to be paid down; a share of two hundred and forty acres of land in perpetual ownership: forty pounds sterling annual salary, to be successively raised to forty-five and fifty pounds, as the settlers should increase, and thirty cords of wood, cut and brought yearly to the minister's house.

The same grantors had also made it a condition in the original instrument of settlement, that a church building should be erected by November, 1752. This condition was fulfilled, and a log church was built on the common at the Centre, not far from the spot where the Unitarian church now stands. Little is known of its history, though venerable as the house of worship of our forefathers. It continued to be used for about twenty-one years and was then

taken down. For some years transient preachers performed the religious services, two of whom were invited to settle, but declined. The first minister was Rev. Jonathan Livermore, a son of Deacon Jonathan Livermore of Northborough, Massachusetts. He was born December 18, 1729, graduated from Harvard College in 1760, was ordained December 14, 1763, resigned in February, 1777, and died July 20, 1809. A sketch of his life and character is given elsewhere. Not much clew has been found to the ordination services, except a list of the churches invited to aid in them.*

The second meeting-house was a large two-story building, situated a little to the north of the old one on the common. It was built, like the first house, at the expense of the whole town. It had a porch at the east end and one at the west end. It had a high pulpit, after the manner of the times, over which was suspended a huge sounding-board. Two rows of large windows extended round the building. The pews were square, with seats that were turned up in prayer time, and were let down with a distinct emphasis of sound at the close. In front of the pews before the pulpit were open seats for the aged and deaf, and directly under the high pulpit, the deacons' seat and the communion table. Galleries were built on three sides of the church, supported by pillars planted in the church floor. They were divided into pews, and the gallery opposite the pulpit was provided with seats for the singers. In the early days the attic, to which there was an ascent by a trap door, was the powder arsenal of the town; the earthly and the heavenly ammunition being thus stored under one roof. Originally there was no bell, but one was placed in the east tower, or porch, in the year 1832.

At the raising of the church on September 7, 1773, a terrible accident occurred. When the frame was nearly up, one of the central beams broke and fell, because the post that supported it was rotten or worm-eaten at the core. A large body of timber, boards and tools, such as axes, iron bars, hammers, adzes, etc., and upwards of fifty persons standing on the beams in the middle of the frame, all fell to the ground, nearly thirty feet below. Three men were instantly killed, two died soon after of their wounds, others were crippled for life, and of the fifty-three that fell not one escaped without either broken bones, terrible bruises, or cuts from the axes and other tools. As many of them were picked men from the town

* See Appendix on "Ecclesiastical Proceedings."

and its vicinity, and were heads of families, it can be imagined what was the consternation and grief in the sparse population on that day, and how great was the loss, not only to Wilton, but to the neighboring towns. Upon reflection on the event in later times, it has been not unnaturally conjectured that possibly a previous vote of the town, providing for a large amount of spirituous liquors, may have had something to do with it, and that it was not altogether an accident, but the result of too much good cheer and consequent self-confidence on the part of the master workman and his associates.

The following verses, composed "on the unhappy accident which happened at the raising of Wilton meeting-house," exhibit a curious mingling of old-time theology and quaint lamentation. In giving this poem we follow a copy, found by a resident of Topsham, Vermont, among the papers of his father, who received it, when a boy in Massachusetts, from his teacher, a one-legged man, name unknown, who is supposed to have been the author.

Attention give, and you shall hear
A melancholy theme.
It's such an instance as there is
But very seldom seen.

In seventeen hundred and seventy-three,
September, seventh day,
At Wilton did Almighty God
His anger there display.

Of men, a great collection met,
A meeting-house to raise,
Wherein to speak God's holy word,
And for to sing His praise.

God did their labour prosper in
Erecting of this frame,
Until it was almost compleat,
And joyful they became.

They thought the worst was past and gone,
And they were bold and brave;
Poor souls, they did but little think
They were so near the grave.

All on a sudden, a beam broke
And let down fifty-three;
Full twenty-seven feet they fell,
A mournful sight to see.

Much timber with these men did fall,
And edged tools likewise,
All in a heap together lay,
With bitter shrieks and cries.

'Twould pierce the hardest heart to hear
The sighs and bitter groans
Of those that in the ruins lay,
With wounds and broken bones.

Some lay with broken shoulder-bones,
And some with broken arms,
Others with broken legs and thighs,
And divers other harms.

Many lay bleeding on the ground,
All bathed in crimson gore,
Crying, "Dear Jesus, mighty to save,
Thy mercy we implore."

Heart-piercing sight for to behold,
It caused many a sob
To see these poor distressed men
Lie wallowing in their blood.

One instantaneously was killed;
His soul has taken flight
To mansions of eternal day,
Or everlasting night.

Two more, in a few minutes space,
Did bid this world adieu,
Who are rejected of their God,
Or with His chosen few.

Two more in a short time did pass
Thro' death's dark shady vale;
Which now are in the realms of joy,
Or the infernal hell.

But we must hope their precious souls
Are with their Jesus dear,
Reaping the fruits, the blessed fruits,
Of faithful servants here.

And if this be their happy case,
Glory to God be given.
O blessed day! O happy fall!
That sent their souls to heaven;

Where there's no danger of a fall,
Nor nothing to molest;
No grief, no sorrow to disturb
Their everlasting rest.

While their dear friends are bowed down
With sorrow for their sake,
Grieving and mourning till their hearts
Are ready for to break.

Fathers for their deceased sons
Go mourning all the day;
But blessed be the name of God
That gives and takes away.

Poor tender-hearted mothers are
With sorrow bowed down:
The children, which their bodies bare,
Are now made meat for worms.

Children of fathers are bereft;
They mourn like little lambs,
When they have been engaged in play
And lost sight of their dams.

Widows wear garments of sackcloth;
Their grief is very great.
They mourning go like turtle doves,
When they have lost their mates.

Brothers and sisters followed have
Their corpses to the grave,
And bid to them a long farewell,
And took of them their leave.

We've seen our fellows called away
Into eternity;
Which is a certain evidence
Of our mortality.

And now whoever read these lines
And meditate thereon,
Their hearts would break, if they were not
As hard as any stone.

Remember well that mournful scene,
That melancholy day,
In which th' Almighty sent grim Death,
And snatch'd their souls away

Into the unseen, eternal world
To spend eternity,
Of unexpected blessedness,
Or boundless misery.

According as their works have been,
In the vineyard of their Lord,
So they'd receive of God, their Judge,
Their right and just reward.

APPLICATION.

Come let us some improvement make,
And to ourselves apply,
This awful Providence of God,
That came to us so nigh.

By this we see, and certain be,
Our lives uncertain are,
Therefore let all, both great and small,
For sudden death prepare.

For at God's call we all must bow,
When death does give the blow,
We must appear at His command,
Whether prepared or no.

When grim death, with his ghastly eyes,
Shall in our faces stare,
And summons us for to appear
At God's tribunal bar,

We must submit, we can't withstand
The messenger of death.
We must with cold and trembling lips
Resign our vital breath

And launch into the unseen world
To meet omnipotence,
To have our doom pronounc'd, and to
Receive our recompence.

And if our deeds have evil been,
We shall receive this doom,
"Depart from me, I know you not,
For you did me disown."

Down! down! into a deep abyss
Of woe and misery,
Our souls are plung'd, therein to dwell
Throughout eternity.

An angry God, a pouring forth
The vials of His wrath,
His indignation upon us,
Which is the second death.

Ther'fore as we must all be judg'd
According as we've done,
'Tis highly needful for us all
The Christian race to run;

Put on breast-plates of righteousness,
And take the shield of faith,
The Spirit's sword for to defend
Us in His narrow path.

Let us be making peace with God,
While we have life and breath,
That so we may prepared be
To meet a sudden death.

And be thereby translated from
This world of misery
Into a world of joy and bliss,
To dwell with God on high.

To drink of the pure streams,
That flow at God's right hand,
And to enjoy His heavenly love,
Forever without end.

That this be our happy case,
When we this life shall end,
God grant of His infinite grace,
Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

The people, however, recovered their courage and completed the church, which was dedicated January 5, 1775. The pastor, Rev. Jonathan Livermore, preached a sermon from 1 Chronicles 29 : 14, which has since been published.

This church was struck by lightning on Friday, July 20, 1804, and, according to the narrative of Rev. Thomas Beede, then pastor of

the church, "One of the middle posts at the east end was rent from top to bottom, the windows were burst out, and pieces of lath and plastering were sent from the east to the west end of the house with a force sufficient to break glass. When the charge reached the ground, it took a horizontal direction and left visible marks upon the surface for several rods before it was conducted into the earth. There was no lightning rod then attached to the house. One was afterwards put upon it."

The second minister of the church, Rev. Abel Fisk, was born in Pepperell, Massachusetts, in 1752, graduated at Harvard College in 1774, was ordained in Wilton November 18, 1778, and remained the pastor of the church until his death, April 21, 1802.

He was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Beede, who was born in Poplin, now Fremont, New Hampshire, in 1771, graduated at Harvard College in 1798, was ordained in Wilton March 2, 1803, and resigned his charge January 15, 1829.

The services at his ordination were:

Introductory prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bullard of Pepperell.
Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Emerson* of Boston, from 1 Cor. 2:2.
Ordaining prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clark of Lexington.
Charge by the Rev. Mr. Goodridge of Lyndeborough.
Right hand of fellowship by the Rev. Mr. Barnard of Amherst.
Concluding prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hill of Mason.

The organization of the church was at first by a covenant,† agreeably to the method of New England Congregationalism, not by a specific creed. The first church in Plymouth, where the Pilgrims landed, was organized in that way, and still retains its covenant. During Mr. Beede's ministry a creed was adopted, but subsequently it was dropped, and the church reverted to the original method of a covenant. This caused dissatisfaction among some of the members, and a second Congregational church was formed July 18, 1823, holding Trinitarian views, and consisting at first of seventeen members.

Rev. Stephen A. Barnard was ordained over the First Church January 13, 1830, and resigned his office April 25, 1833. Rev. Abner D. Jones succeeded Mr. Barnard, and was ordained January 1, 1834. He was succeeded by Rev. Nathaniel Whitman, who was installed October 5, 1836, and continued pastor of the church till 1843.

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* Rev. Mr. Emerson was the father of Ralph Waldo Emerson.
† See Appendix.

The following ministers succeeded Mr. Whitman in rapid rotation: Rev. William A. Whitwell, 1843–50; Rev. Seth Saltmarsh, M. D., 1851–53; Rev. John N. Bellows, 1854–55; Rev. Stillman Clark, 1857–63; Rev. Levi W. Ham, 1863–64; Rev. William B. Buxton, 1865–67; Rev. Richard Coleman, 1868–70; Rev. Increase Sumner Lincoln, 1870–79; Rev. Charles Henry Rickards, 1880–81; Rev. Henry Dana Dix, 1882–85. Rev. Frank L. Phalen, the present pastor, was settled in 1886.

During this period several other ministers have for a short time supplied the pulpit.

The venerable ancient meeting-house, which was built during the ministry of Mr. Livermore, and at whose raising the fatal catastrophe before related occurred, was burned December 8, 1859, in the night, soon after a children's concert given by Miss Mary Thurston. So great was the regret of the town at its loss, that a committee was chosen to investigate the matter. Their report throws much light on the history of the town, and reveals the feelings of the inhabitants about the destruction of the church; but no certain conclusion was reached as to the cause of the fire, whether it was intentional or accidental, but that probably it was the work of an incendiary. The present Unitarian Congregational church was erected in its place, and was dedicated January 10, 1861. The dedication sermon of the old church, by Rev. Jonathan Livermore, January 5, 1775, and the dedication sermon of the new church, January 10, 1861, by his grandson, Rev. Abiel Abbot Livermore, were published in a pamphlet together.

THE UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.

The second religious society of Wilton was established by the Universalists in 1813. It had only occasional preaching, and no settled pastor, and no meeting-house. It was customary for the members to meet in the Brick Hall, and, in later years, they had their services in the First Congregational Church. Rev. Messrs. Ballou, Skinner, Streeter and others officiated on these occasions, gathered large audiences, and proclaimed the doctrine of universal salvation, of the future holiness and happiness of the whole human race. The society has long ceased to exist, but its sentiments are widely diffused.

HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BY REV. GEORGE C. TROW.

The Baptist church in Wilton was constituted April 7, 1817, with eleven members: Peirce Gage, Joseph Holt, William Mansur,

Ebenezer Chandler, William Howard, Jabez Goldsmith, Joseph Smith, Abigail Smith, Lucy Smith, Mary Goldsmith and Chloe Bales. The last survivor of these was Deacon Joseph Smith, who died March 16, 1883, aged ninety-four years and five months. He was made deacon very soon after the church was constituted, and held the office till his death. He was a man of deep piety and fully consecrated to Christ. Associated with him in the deacon's office, during most of his active life, was Deacon Timothy Gray.

The same day the church was constituted, six were added to its membership by letter, and seven by baptism; by letter, William Goldsmith, Hannah Goldsmith, Anna Upton, Betsy Holt, Esther Holt and Sally Mansur; by baptism, William Bales, William L. Bales, Timothy Gray, John Peabody, Susannah Smith, Nancy Gray and Sally Peabody.

For some years previous to this, a few residents of Wilton had embraced Baptist principles and had united with the Baptist church in Mason. The pastor of that church, Rev. William Elliott, frequently visited Wilton and preached to the people assembled in private houses, the school-houses in town being closed against him. The truth, however, could not be bound; quite a number received it gladly, and, embracing the same, became consistent Baptists.

During the winter of 1816–17, under the labors of Rev. George Evans, the Spirit was poured out. Some were converted, and the desire to have a church in Wilton, which had been for some time burning in the hearts of the faithful few, was so much strengthened that they resolved to organize a church, and did so, as above stated. The church thus constituted had no pastor for fourteen months, but was supplied a part of the time by Brother Benjamin T. Lane. Eleven were added to the church during this time. In June, 1818, Rev. Ezra Wilmoth was settled as pastor, the church then numbering thirty-five. He baptized forty-nine. He was succeeded in February, 1823, by Rev. Beuel Lathrop, who served one year. After this for a while the church was supplied by the neighboring pastors. From February, 1823, to October, 1827, twenty-five were baptized.

In 1827 the church and society built its present meeting-house at Wilton Centre. November 7th it was dedicated, and the same day Brother Simon Fletcher was ordained. He served the church three years and baptized three persons, and was succeeded in 1830 by Brother Caleb Brown. He was ordained and served the church two years, and during the time eleven were baptized. In 1833

Brother Harrison Strong was ordained. He served two years and baptized nine persons. He was succeeded in June, 1835, by Rev. John Cannon, who served one year and baptized seven persons. After this Rev. Ezra Wilmoth again served the church for a season and baptized seven. In August, 1838, Rev. N. W. Smith became pastor; he served eighteen months and baptized two persons. About this time fourteen members were dismissed to form a church in Lyndeborough. Thus the church in Wilton is mother as well as daughter. In June, 1840, Rev. J. T. Appleton was settled as pastor. He baptized twenty-nine. He was succeeded by Rev. Henry Tonkin in April, 1843, who served seven years and baptized eight persons. In 1850 Rev. Horace Eaton became pastor, who served four years and baptized eighteen. From 1854 to 1860 the church had no pastor, but during this time three were baptized. In August, 1860, Rev. Nelson B. Jones became pastor. He baptized eleven, and closed his labors in 1864. In December, 1866, Brother S. C. Fletcher was ordained as pastor, served the church seven years, and baptized forty-nine persons. In 1867 the church and society built a parsonage at Gray's corner. In 1874 Brother William Libbey was called to be pastor, and was ordained in October of that year. He baptized four, and closed his labors in March, 1877. The church at once extended a call to Rev. J. H. Lerned, who commenced his labors in May. He held the pastorate sixteen months, but his health permitted him to occupy the pulpit only a few months. Two were baptized. February 17, 1881, Brother George C. Trow was ordained and installed pastor of the church. Five were baptized up to this time, October, 1883.

The church has existed sixty-six years and has had sixteen pastors. It has witnessed many precious revivals, and has had baptized into its fellowship two hundred and forty-four. Four of these are, or have been, preachers of the gospel.

HISTORY OF THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BY REV. A. E. TRACY.

The Second Congregational Church of Wilton was organized July 18, 1823. It consisted of seventeen members, five males and twelve females. It resulted from the conviction that the views and teachings of the pastor of the church of which these persons were members were not in accordance with the Bible; the chief difference of opinion being in respect to the doctrine of the person of

D. E. Adams

Christ. The new church retained the confession of faith and covenant of the old church, thus showing that they were not dissenters, but held firmly to the old-time creeds. Previous to the formation of the church an ecclesiastical society had been organized May 16, 1823. It consisted of those persons who afterward joined in the organization of the church and some others. Public worship was held for a time in what was known as the "Brick Hall." It was over a store at the centre of Wilton. The church was without an installed pastor until December, 1830, when Mr. William Richardson of Andover Seminary was ordained and installed pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Wilton. During the more than fifty-seven years since its organization public worship has been maintained; sometimes by the aid of a minister, often a sermon was read and other acts of worship conducted by the beloved physician, Ebenezer Rockwood, M. D.

The first meeting-house of the Second Congregational society was erected in 1829 at Wilton Centre. It was dedicated January 1, 1830. The pastorate of Rev. William Richardson continued till October 27, 1840. Rev. Humphrey Moore was then invited to become the pastor. He declined the call, but served as acting pastor for nearly two years. Rev. Charles Whiting, second pastor of the church, was ordained and installed January 4, 1843; he was dismissed February 13, 1850. Soon after his removal an attempt was made to unite the two societies. This proved unsuccessful and the church again opened its house of worship.

In the summer of 1851 an invitation was given this society to remove its place of worship to East Wilton, where there was no meeting-house. September 19, 1851, it was decided to accept this proposal. A house of worship was erected at once, which was dedicated June 10, 1852. From Rev. Charles Whiting's dismissal, February 13, 1850, until February 21, 1856, when Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan was called, the church was without a settled minister. Rev. H. H. Winchester was with the church two years of this time, but declined to be settled. Mr. Jordan resigned November 1, 1859. Rev. Daniel E. Adams of Bangor Seminary was ordained and installed pastor December 5, 1860. His was the longest pastorate the church has had, terminating May 3, 1876. Rev. J. Newton Brown commenced labor as acting pastor December 1, 1876, and served the church till August 15, 1878. The present pastor, Rev. A. E. Tracy, began his services September 1, 1879, as acting pastor, and was installed May 3, 1880. The deacons of the church

have been Burleigh French, chosen January 19, 1824; Abel Fisk, chosen September 2, 1831; Oliver Barrett, elected September 2, 1830; Hermon Abbot and William Sheldon, elected June 6, 1852; Charles Wilson and Asa B. Clark, chosen December 10, 1875.

Very soon after the formation of the church a Sabbath School was organized. About twenty members comprised its whole number; now it includes more than 200. It very soon collected, and has ever since maintained, an interesting and useful library. The whole number connected with the church since its organization up to January 1, 1885, was 486. The membership at that date was 147. An addition of twenty pews was made to the meeting-house in 1857, and, later, an addition was made to receive the fine pipe organ, the gift of individuals to the society. In 1858 a vestry was built for social meetings; this was sold and made into a pleasant home, now occupied by N. D. Foster, Esq. The present two-story chapel was built in 1867.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle, the Mistletoe Band and the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society are among the benevolent organizations of this church.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES.

Rev. William Richardson, first pastor of the Second Congregational church, was born in Gilmanton, New Hampshire, March 4, 1801, graduated at Andover Seminary in 1830, was ordained pastor December 15, 1830. He was pastor of this church from 1830 to 1840, acting pastor at Lyndeborough from 1840 to 1841, and pastor at Deering, New Hampshire, from 1842 to 1846. His eyes failed him and he lived in Manchester, New Hampshire, from 1846 until his death there September 6, 1869. His wife, Olive Tilton of Gilmanton, is still living. She is a lady of superior qualities.

Rev. Charles Whiting, the second pastor of the church, was born in Lyndeborough, New Hampshire, July 23, 1813. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1839, and at Andover Seminary in 1842. He was ordained January 11, 1842, was pastor of this church from 1843 to 1850, and acting pastor from 1850 to 1851. He was settled in Fayetteville, Illinois, from 1851 till his death, May 8, 1855. His wife, Sarah Wyman of Greenfield, New Hampshire, survived him, but is now dead.

Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan, third pastor of the church, was a native of Maine, as was his wife. He was a graduate of Bowdoin College and of Bangor Seminary, and for a time a resident licen-

tiate at Andover. He was ordained at Wilton, December 17, 1857, and dismissed December 5, 1860. He is now settled at Brownfield, Maine, where he has been pastor since 1874.

Rev. Daniel E. Adams was born in Camden, Maine, in 1832. He graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1860, was installed pastor in Wilton December 5, 1860, and was dismissed May 3, 1876. He went directly to Ashburnham, Massachusetts, as acting pastor, and from there to Southboro', Massachusetts. His wife, Ellen F. Kingsbury, of Keene, New Hampshire, died in May, 1882. He was married in February, 1884, to Miss Marion E. Center of Wilton.

Rev. Alfred E. Tracy was born in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, July 2, 1845, graduated at Amherst College in 1869, and at Andover Seminary in 1872. He was ordained and installed at Harvard, Massachusetts, September 4, 1872, was dismissed in September, 1874, and was pastor at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, from 1874 to 1878. He supplied the church at Wilton in June, 1879, commenced as acting pastor September 1, 1879, and was installed May 13, 1880. His wife is Kate S. Harwood, born in Bennington, Vermont; her home at the time of their marriage was North Springfield, Missouri.

HISTORY OF THE LIBERAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BY REV. I. SUMNER LINCOLN.

This church was organized in the East village of this town, two miles from the Centre, in 1869. Its church edifice was erected and dedicated the same year. It contains the usual modern improvements, including a vestry in the basement, a lecture-room, a Sunday-school room, a ladies' parlor and a kitchen with all its needful accompaniments; also a furnace, a fine organ and a bell. Its site is very fine, being in every respect one of the best in town. The whole cost about ten thousand dollars. In the organized platform of this church, the words "church" and "society" are used in the same sense.

The following articles are contained in the platform of fellowship:

ARTICLE I. We, whose names are signed beneath, unite ourselves in a Christian Church and Fellowship for our own religious improvement, and as a means of usefulness to others.

ARTICLE II. We thus declare and claim to be members of the great union of all Christian disciples of which Jesus Christ is the living Head, by the will of God.

ARTICLE III. Receiving Jesus as our divinely-given Teacher and Guide, and earnestly seeking to have in us a measure of the Spirit that was in

Him, we pledge ourselves to follow the truth, as it shall be made known to our minds, both in belief and in life.

ARTICLE IV. We will co-operate by contributing of our time, interest and means in sustaining the institution of religion, and in all Christian work that shall be undertaken by this Union.

ARTICLE V. Any person may become a member of this Union by signing this form of association, no objection being made by those already members.

The preceding is an extract from the records of the society.

Names of settled ministers: Aubrey M. Pendleton, from March, 1869, to 1875; Charles H. Tindell, from April, 1877, to November, 1878; James J. Twiss from November, 1879, to April, 1884. Frank L. Phalen was ordained in 1886 and is the present pastor. Several others have preached here as supplies for a limited time during the past sixteen years. The salaries hitherto paid to ministers by the society average about one thousand dollars per annum.

The audience room of the church has sittings for three hundred. The society is now free from debt, and has a good amount of pecuniary ability, though its membership is not large.

HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, BY REV. EDMUND E. BUCKLE.

The first Catholic service ever held in Wilton was in 1867 by Rev. Father O'Donnell, then residing in Nashua. The entire Catholic population at that time was seventeen families. At this period there was already a small Catholic Church in Milford, where services were held regularly once a month by Rev. Father O'Donnell. In 1879 Rev. P. Holohan was placed in charge of the Catholic population of Milford, Wilton and Greenville, then Mason village. Father Holohan resided in Milford. From that time Catholic services were held in Wilton twice a month. In four years the Catholic population of Wilton trebled itself. In 1877 Rev. E. E. Buckle was appointed to the above mission, Father Holohan going to Keene. In the autumn of 1881 a Catholic Church was built in Wilton by Rev. E. E. Buckle, who took up his residence there. The Catholic population at this day is about five hundred souls.*

BELLS.

The first church bell in Wilton was procured by subscription and donated to the town on certain conditions. The town erected a

*This number includes some of the inhabitants of Pine Valley in Milford, a manufacturing hamlet.—S. Putnam.

tower at the east end of the old meeting-house in which it was hung in the autumn of 1832. After the meeting-house was burned in 1869, what could be saved of the metal was, by vote of the town, with other metal to make the weight equal to the old bell, recast and hung on the new Town House, now Citizens' Hall, and still hangs there. When the Second Congregational society built their church at East Wilton, they put a bell on it, which after a few years was cracked, and was replaced by a new one, which is still sound and in use. When the Unitarian Church at East Wilton was built, a bell was procured by subscription; Dr. Fleeman and the Messrs. Whitings were among the largest subscribers. The bell on the Town House was the gift of Dr. F. M. Pevey.

Thus there have been erected, first and last, eight houses of public worship in town. Probably at least fifty ministers have officiated in these churches as pastors during the one hundred and fifty years of the existence of the town. A generous endowment was extended at the outset by the wise and far-seeing proprietors to encourage Christian institutions here. Much has been expended since from year to year. The treasury of the Lord has not lacked either the rich man's offerings or the widow's mite. Once the means for supporting religious institutions were raised by taxation, and when there was but one church, as was the fact for many years, all contributed to the common established Congregational Church, the favorite New England method of church government. The minister was settled and paid by the town, but when the people began to wince at the burden, they were for a time still taxed, but were allowed to choose to what church service, Baptist, Congregational or Universalist, etc., their money should be appropriated. Still later, the support of each religious society was left to the voluntary contributions of its members, as is explained in the following passage, copied from L. A. Morrison's History of Windham, New Hampshire:

The year 1819 was an eventful one in the religious history of the state. A new order of things was established in regard to the support of religious institutions. In the progress of events and advancement of public opinion, and as an expression of public opinion, the "Toleration Act" was passed by the Legislature of that year, and approved by the governor July 1, 1819. The public mind had long been in a troubled condition under the compulsory support of the ministry. The two important provisions of this law are here given:

"*Provided*, that no person shall be compelled to join or support, or be

classed with, or associated to, any congregation, church or religious society, without his consent first had and obtained.

"*Provided*, also, if any person shall choose to separate himself from such society or association to which he may belong, and shall leave a written notice thereof with the clerk of such society or association, he shall thereupon be no longer liable for any future expenses which may be incurred by said society or association."

This act put an end to taxing an unwilling people by the town for the support of the church. It stopped those endless bickerings between churches and towns, and the amount contributed for public worship was not diminished.

We have given, so far as we could obtain them, the facts relating to the several religious organizations of Wilton. But the real history of the churches, the spiritual life of the church of Christ in this town, cannot be given here. It must be read in the lives and characters of many men and women, the living and the dead. We must call to mind the benefits which this administration of the Christian religion under its various beliefs and forms has afforded in moulding the characters and lives of the young men and women of the town as they have gone out into the world. Who shall compute how many temptations it has armed them to meet and overcome? How many motives it has given them to lead a righteous, holy and useful life! What ideals of noble conduct and benevolent action it has set before them! What sorrows it has comforted, and what hopes of another and immortal life it has inspired. When we think of all these things we are ready to say, God bless all the churches of our town, and of our common country. May they all work together in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace! May they help to hasten forward the coming of the kingdom of God on earth, and make the great republic of America the joy and glory of the whole earth.*

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* See Appendix II.

CHAPTER XIV.

SCHOOLS, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, COLLEGE GRADUATES, PROFESSIONAL MEN, AUTHORS AND INVENTORS.

One of the earliest interests, to which the emigrants to this then forest wilderness paid an earnest attention, was that of the education of their children. Next to religion, for the free exercise of which the Pilgrims and Puritan fathers had left their homes in the old world, stood the institution of the free school. Martin Luther, the Reformer, is said to have been the originator of the plan of the untaxed public school, supported by the public treasury, open to all, without money and without price. Parish schools and public schools had existed before those of New England, but not to our knowledge could their privileges be enjoyed without the payment of a certain small tuition. The original grantors of Wilton gave one share out of forty-six, or two hundred and forty acres, to help support free schools. The land was sold June 1, 1769, and the interest of the money, which amounted to £5 9s. 5½d., lawful money, was devoted to the support of the schools. In 1784 and thereafter the school fund amounted to £67 16s., equal to $226.00. The interest on this, and on the Literary Fund given by the state, is devoted to the support of free schools. In 1839, $600 were applied to the schools. There were at that time nine school districts and ten school houses. Now there are ten school districts, eleven school houses and a room finished in the Town House for the High School. The average length of the summer schools is ten weeks, and of the winter schools ten weeks. In former years the winter schools were usually taught by male, and the summer schools by female, teachers, but at present most of the schools, summer and winter, are taught by women. The branches usually taught are reading, writing, spelling, history, arithmetic, grammar, algebra, geometry, natural philosophy and physiology. Sometimes the languages are added, and, it may be, other studies. The Bible is usually

read at the opening of the school, either by the teacher or the pupils, one or both. It is optional with the teacher to offer a prayer or not. But no sectarian views of religion are taught, only those principles which are common to all denominations of Christians.

TEACHERS.

Miss Dale, eldest daughter of John Dale, the first settler, taught the first school in town, and for some years was the only female teacher. She was succeeded in the course of time by others, both men and women, whose names are too numerous to mention, who have kept unbroken the long and honorable line of educators, and who have tended to preserve the high standard of intelligence and the love of sound learning for which the town has always been noted. The names of Putnam, Abbot, Spalding, Livermore, Dascomb, Burton, Barrett, Beede, Smith, Kimball, Russell, and of many others will occur to our readers as among the school teachers of Wilton either of an earlier or a later day. But of one we cannot forbear to give a longer sketch from the testimony of one of his pupils, contained in the Centennial Address, pages 89 and 90. This teacher was Rev. Thomas Beede, and this scholar was Rev. Warren Burton:

> With what profound dread was it that I took my way for the first time to the winter school; for the awful school-master whom I was to meet was no other than the still more awful minister—that great, tall man, dressed in black, who preached and prayed in such solemn tones on the Sabbath. How my heart failed me and how my little frame trembled as I entered the school-house door. But how different was my experience from what I anticipated. That awful man received me with so sweet a smile, and spoke in such tender tones, and in all things treated me and all the rest so gently, that my feelings were at once changed to those of confidence and love. Never shall I forget the delightful impressions which this new intercourse made on my tender mind. He, too, fitted me for college, and through all my earlier life my mind received good influences from him. His benignant countenance and gladdening smile will be among the last images that will fade from my remembrance.
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> He did not go on exactly in the old ways in his capacity as a school-master. He introduced new subjects of attention and excited an uncommon interest among his pupils. To him also as an examiner of the schools they owed much.

Mr. Burton is the author of "The District School as It Was," one of the most faithful and graphic pictures of that institution which has ever been written, and which may truly be called a classic of New England life.

WARREN BURTON.

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The first school house in District No. 1 stood at the northeast corner of the common. It was probably built within a few years after the incorporation of the town. It was a very rude and inconvenient structure, having no proper writing desks, but, instead, two large movable tables with long forms for seats. There were no seats with backs except low benches around the walls of the room. This building was burnt about the year 1797. The "school-ma'ams" of those times, as they were always called, wore white muslin caps, either to distinguish them from other young ladies, or to make them have a more dignified appearance. About the year 1795 a young lady came as a teacher from New Ipswich, who had an umbrella, which was quite a curiosity, as there was no other in use in the town. She afterwards married Mr. Aaron Appleton of Keene, and lived to a good old age, an honored Christian woman.

The compensation of teachers in those days is indicated by the following receipt, found among the old papers:

Wilton, March 31, 1792.

I received of Mr. John Dale five Dollars in full Pay for teaching a school one month.

Witness my hand, James Punchard.

Mr. George L. Dascombe, prominent as a school teacher in Wilton, gives the following sketch respecting education in town:

"Wilton was first settled in 1739, and was incorporated as a town in 1762. Recognizing the prevailing sentiment of New England respecting the importance of free schools, the grantors of the land constituting the principal part of the township, in order to encourage settlements, set apart one share, which consisted of two hundred and forty acres, for the use of schools. This land was sold before the town had become so fully populated as to render it very valuable, and the proceeds invested as a small fund, the annual income of which was appropriated for the purposes for which it was designed.

The first record which we find respecting schools, excepting the locating of the school lots of land, was in 1767, when the town voted to raise six pounds, lawful money, for a school this year, and chose the selectmen a committee to provide said school. For the next ten years about the same amount was annually raised, and the schools were kept in dwelling houses, in different parts of the town, as would best accommodate the inhabitants.

In the midst of the trials and embarrassments of the Revolution the interests of education were not neglected; provision was made every year for the maintenance of schools. From the close of the war till the end of the eighteenth century, a larger sum was appropriated for schools than for town expenditures, and down to the present time the amount raised for the free education of the children of the town has always been largely in excess of that required by law.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

In 1787 a committee consisting of nine persons divided the town, which comprised twenty-five square miles of territory, into "five districts for the purpose of building or repairing school houses at the expense of each district." In 1807 the selectmen, by vote of the town, reconstructed the districts and constituted eight, which were thenceforward designated by numbers. Subsequently two additional districts were formed from portions of these, so that the township now contains ten districts, having eleven school houses, containing thirteen school rooms.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school edifices of the early times seem to have been designed to withstand the vandalism of the boys, rather than to afford comforts and conveniences for the pupils. They were warmed—so far as they were made warm at all in winter—by huge open fire-places in which green wood was usually burned, and there was no need of any special arrangements for ventilation. The seats and desks were made of plank from an inch and a half to two inches in thickness, the dimensions of which, however, were soon materially diminished under the operations of the busy jack-knives of idle scholars.

The first school house of improved construction was built in 1843, in the district of which Rev. Warren Burton, who will be noticed hereafter in this narrative, was a native. The seats in this house consisted of chairs graduated in height and size to correspond with the varying ages of the pupils, and firmly fixed to the floor. Ample space was afforded, means of ventilation were furnished and the house was the first to be warmed by a furnace in the basement. School houses on a similar plan were soon after built at the centre of the town and at East Wilton, the principal village, and those in other districts have been replaced by new ones, or have been remod-

eled, till, at the present time, there are only two which are not adapted to the purpose for which they were designed, and even these are a decided improvement upon those of fifty years ago.

COURSES OF STUDY AND METHODS OF INSTRUCTION.

One hundred years ago the branches of study were limited to reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic. The methods of instruction even in these were extremely imperfect. The pupils had no text books in arithmetic. The school-master usually—not always—possessed one. He communicated a rule orally to his pupils, who wrote it out in their manuscripts, which generally consisted of a few sheets of coarse paper stitched within a brown paper cover. Then an example under that rule was given, which the scholars solved, and then they copied the operation into their manuscripts below the rule. When a sufficient number of examples had been disposed of, another rule was given, and so on till the mathematical education of the student was completed.

The branches of study now pursued, even in our rural schools, include reading, spelling and defining, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, including analysis, geography, including physical geography as a distinct branch, history of the United States, physiology, algebra, geometry, book-keeping, natural philosophy and sometimes chemistry and botany.

TEACHERS.

Until within the last thirty years school-masters were almost invariably employed in the winter, and school-mistresses in the summer. If a woman was placed in charge of a winter school she was always one possessing masculine traits. A change has gradually taken place, and at the present time our schools, with very few exceptions, are taught by females.

Many of the teachers, both men and women, who have assisted in forming the intellectual and moral character of successive generations of youth in Wilton have been eminently fitted for their vocation. In 1782 an intelligent and public-spirited citizen of the town, convinced that the schools were nearly worthless, hired a student from college to teach during his vacation and invited his neighbors to send their children to the school free of charge.

"This," records the Rev. Abiel Abbot, D. D., a son of the citizen referred to, "gave a new complexion to the school in the south district; and for a number of years after, qualified teachers, usually students from college, were employed eight weeks in the winter. Soon after the improve-

ment in the south district, some of the other districts followed in the same course. To this impulse, I think, we may impute the advance of Wilton before the neighboring towns in education and good morals."

Among those who at various times taught in the district schools of the town and afterwards became widely known as public men, were Prof. John Abbot of Bowdoin College; Benjamin Abbot, LL. D., for many years principal of Phillips Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire; Josiah Burge; Rev. Samuel Barrett, D. D., of Boston; Rev. Samuel R. Hall, first principal of the Teachers' Seminary at Andover, Massachusetts; and Rev. Warren Burton, author of "The District School as It Was," and in his later years eminent for his labors in the cause of "Home Education." Of these, Mr. Barrett and Mr. Burton received the rudiments of their education in the schools of Wilton.

In 1803 Rev. Thomas Beede was installed as minister of the town and remained in that capacity till 1829. He was a ripe scholar, a man of genial manners, and deeply interested in the improvement of the young. In addition to his pastoral labors he sometimes taught one of the district schools, and also gave instruction to advanced students at his home. His influence in promoting the educational interests of the town was incalculable. A remarkably large number of the young men of Wilton acquired a liberal education during his ministry.

TEXT BOOKS.

The text books of a century ago, as recorded by one who attended school at that time, were the Bible or Testament, the primer and Dilworth's spelling book. As the wants of the schools have required, new books have been introduced. When improvements have been demanded those improvements have been adopted. But the town has never been given to frequent changes. When a thoroughly good book was in use, it has not been discarded merely because something new has been offered. Adams's Arithmetic, under its successive forms of The Scholars' Arithmetic, Adams's New Arithmetic, Adams's New Arithmetic (Revised Edition) and Adams's Improved Arithmetic, was used for nearly seventy years, and Warren Colburn's Mental Arithmetic for about fifty years. It was in 1875 that these works were superseded.

SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

For more than twenty years before the state made any provision for the supervision of schools, the town of Wilton annually chose

some of its best qualified citizens "a committee to inspect the schools." It is worthy of note that our educational interests have always been kept free from any connection with party politics or religious sects. The citizens have left the appointment of superintending school committees, since that office was established by the law of the state, to the selectmen; and those officials, to their honor be it recorded, have never seemed to be influenced by partisan feelings in making their selections.

SELECT SCHOOLS.

At various times for seventy-five years past skilful teachers have opened private schools, for one term in a year, which have partaken more or less of the character of high schools. These have been largely instrumental in raising the standard of education in the town. There has been for some time a select school at the principal village continuing through the year, which affords advantages equal to those which are found at respectable academies. This school gives promise of being a permanent institution.

So far Mr. Dascombe. It may be added that Rev. Samuel R. Hall from Andover Seminary conducted a High school at the Centre for several seasons, which was largely attended. Miss Sarah W Livermore, also, with Miss Abigail Kimball as assistant, kept a private boarding and day school at her own house for a number of years for pupils of both sexes from abroad and in town.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN IN RELATION TO SCHOOL MATTERS.

The following petition was addressed to the General Court in June, 1788:

The petition of us the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth: That a law of this State, entitled an act for the settlement and support of Grammar schools obliges every town of the State, consisting of a hundred families, to maintain yearly a grammar school; and for every month's neglect imposes a fine of ten Pounds. That the town of Wilton, several years last past, has made peculiar provision for the instruction of its youth. It has employed, from the seat of the Muses, several well accomplished young gentlemen, and some aged experienced gentlemen of literary accomplishments, for the space of twenty years last past. And it has expended for a number of years upon schooling eighty-seven pounds, and sometimes it has assessed more, at least a sum sufficient to support here two grammar schools annually.

Apprehending the end of law, in general, to be the interest and happiness of its subjects, and the end of the school law, in particular, to be the good education of youth, we presumed a compliance with the spirit of this law would atone for a small deviation from the letter, especially

as this deviation has facilitated the progress of our youth and gratified the wishes of their parents and guardians.

The town of Wilton, with this view of the matter, and from a view of its local situation—mountainous land, long winters, deep snows, inhabitants scattered, town divided by a rapid stream, rendering a passage to its centre at some seasons of the year inconvenient and impracticable—from a view of public expenses, the scarcity of specie, the inability of the people to provide necessary schooling in the extreme parts, when obliged to support a grammar school in the centre, our annual expenses for the support of a number of bridges over rapid streams, building a convenient and decent house for public worship, the charge of which is not entirely settled, the importance of the labor of our youth and of their being instructed in agriculture and the manual arts, Voted, to raise money sufficient to support two grammar schools, to divide the town into as many districts as was convenient, and to appoint Committees in each district to see that the money was faithfully improved in the instruction of their youth. This method of education we have found by many years' experience very beneficial. The state of Learning in Wilton sufficiently evinces the expediency of it.

Notwithstanding, one month preceding the general session of the peace in the County of Hillsborough in September last past, being destitute of a grammar school, the grand jury found a bill against the selectmen, and they were accordingly cited to appear. Though the sessions were convinced we had adopted a more advantageous method of education, than we should have practised had we adhered to the letter of the law, yet the penalty of that law being absolute, they could not acquit us or lessen the fine. We therefore pray your Honors for leave to bring in a bill acquitting us from the mulct imposed on us by the general sessions.

Apprehending from experience that the method of education we have adopted might be beneficial to many towns, we beg leave to suggest, without presuming to dictate, and with humble deference to your Honors' authority and distinguished abilities, the possibility of advantage to the public by a revisal of the aforesaid law, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

William Abbot, Jr., } Selectmen
Jonathan Burton, } of Wilton.

TESTIMONY OF MR. BURGE, A TEACHER.

Wilton, June 4, 1788.

I am happy in being able to certify that the youth of Wilton are in general very good readers, writers and cypherers. They are farther advanced in Learning than those of most towns in the county, within the compass of my knowledge, who have maintained grammar schools, and inferior to none with which I am acquainted. I believe I might safely affirm that there is no town in the State, of the same ability, that can produce so many youth so well qualified for common business, so well accomplished in all the branches of learning which are essentially useful in every department of Life, as can the town of Wilton.

Josiah Burge.

TESTIMONY OF REV. ABEL FISK.

Having made it my annual practice to call the youth together in different Parts of the Town to advise and instruct them, I have taken Occasion to examine them in respect to the Improvement they have made in Reading, and have been highly pleased with the accuracy and Propriety exhibited in that Branch of Literature.

I have likewise been present at school when the Children have been examined respecting the Names and Uses of those Stops and Characters that are made use of in the English Language, and they have answered the Questions proposed to Admiration. I have seen their Writing &c. And it appears to me from the Observations I have made that the People of Wilton have paid a particular Attention to the School Education of their Children.

Abel Fisk.

Wilton, June 4th 1788.

ACTION OF THE GENERAL COURT.

June 9th 1788. A joint Committee, consisting of Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Webster of the Senate, and Mr. Rogers, Mr. Emerson and Mr. Murphy of the House, was raised to consider the petition of the Selectmen of Wilton and report thereon.

June 12th. The Committee reported: That although the town of Wilton have not strictly adhered to the letter of the law, yet it appears to your committee, that they have been at great expense for the education of their youths, and that it is the opinion of the committee that the fine be remitted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly; Signed, Amos Shepherd for the committee. Which report being read and considered, Voted, that it be received and accepted.

We pass now to a much later period and make extracts from the Report of the Board of Education of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1887:

The Legislature of 1885 passed a school law, which effected a radical change in the management of our educational institutions. The district system was superseded by the establishment of the town system, subject to the direction and control of a Board of Education.

At the first annual meeting of the district, called in pursuance of the recently enacted school law, and held March 2, 1886, Mr. Philander Ring was elected a member of the Board for the term of three years, Mrs. Sarah E. Dunbar, for the term of two years, and Mr. George E. Bales, for the term of one year. Subsequently, the Board organized by the selection of Mr. Bales as Chairman, Mr. Ring as Treasurer, and Mrs. Dunbar as Secretary. The duty of supervision was apportioned among the members of the Board. Aware of the fact that many looked with distrust upon the new departure, and believing that a conservative course would best tend to promote the general welfare of the schools, we avoided, so far as practicable, any serious deviation from existing methods. An

early inspection of the schools revealed a condition of affairs in the main satisfactory, except that, embarrassed by the lack of sufficient funds, several schools suffered somewhat in comparison with those more fortunate in this respect. Herein appears one of the generally acknowledged advantages of the new system, to wit: less inequality in the money available for school purposes. Although the law may in some cases work hardship, particularly in localities furnishing a limited number of scholars, we believe that, selfishness aside, if the law is administered in a spirit of justice to all, it will commend itself to all reasonable men. The recently enacted school law will be of substantial benefit to our town in one particular at least: it has made possible the establishment of a high school on an enduring basis. We think much has already been accomplished in the right direction. The school has been placed in the hands of an accomplished instructor, Mr. L. J. Tuck, a graduate of Williams College, who enjoys the entire good-will and respect of those under his charge, and the confidence of the people of the town.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1887.

SCHOOLS, WHERE LOCATED.	NUMBER OF PUPILS.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	TERMS.	WEEKS.
East High	51	28	23	35	3	32
Grammar	35	18	17	22	3	30
Intermediate	45	24	21	31	3	30
Primary	77	37	40	52	3	30
Center	30	19	11	19	3	30
Davisville	19	8	11	15	3	30
West	19	9	10	17	3	30
French Village	19	9	10	13	3	30
Southeast	13	7	6	10	3	30
Abbot Hill	5	3	2	4	1	10
Northeast	5	1	4	5	1	10
	318	163	155	223	29	292

The average attendance was reduced by the sickness of the scholars. By the discontinuance of the second and third terms in the Abbot Hill and the Northeast schools, some remuneration was allowed for transporting the scholars to the schools that they attended the second and third terms.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The first Sunday school was established in May, 1816, was connected with the Congregational church of which the Rev. Thomas Beede was pastor, and was held in the Centre school house. Two ladies, Miss Phebe Abbot, afterwards the wife of Ezra Abbot, Esq., of Jackson, Maine, and the mother of Prof. Ezra Abbot of Harvard University, and Miss Sarah White Livermore were leaders in this enterprise. This school was one of the first, if not the first, in the country to be devoted especially and

George L. Dascombe

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wholly to *religious* instruction. Seventy children attended the first season. The book used was the Bible, and the Bible only. Sunday schools are now established in all the churches in town.*

GRADUATES OF COLLEGES.

A striking test of a community's appreciation of the advantages of education is the eagerness with which the higher instruction and mental discipline of academies and colleges are sought, and with which sacrifices are made, even by those of limited means, to secure such advantages. The following is the creditable list, so far as we have been able to ascertain it, of either natives or residents of Wilton who have been graduates or members of colleges:

Graduates of Harvard College: Abiel Abbot, D. D., 1787; Jacob Abbot, 1792; William Abbot, 1797; John Stevens Abbot, 1801; Solomon Kidder Livermore, 1802; Ebenezer Rockwood, 1802; Samuel Greele, 1802; Samuel Abbot, 1808; Samuel Barrett, 1818; Warren Burton, 1821; Abiel Abbot Livermore, 1833; Hermon Abbot was two years at Harvard; William Barrett, 1859; Isaac Spalding Whiting, 1882.

Graduates of Dartmouth College: Daniel Rockwood, 1811; Augustus Greele, 1813; Timothy Parkhurst, 1813; Abner Flint, 1821; David Morgan, 1835; Lubim Burton Rockwood, 1839; Joseph Chandler Barrett, 1850; Charles D. Adams, 1877.

Graduates of Bowdoin College: Joseph Hale Abbot, 1822: Ephraim Peabody, 1827; Ezra Abbot, 1830; Abiel Abbot, 1831.

Graduates of Yale College: Rufus Abbot, 1834; Alvah Steele, three years, but did not graduate; Levi Abbot, 1840.

Graduate of Amherst College, Charles Abbot, 1835; of Middlebury College, Samuel Flint; of Hobart College, Everard W. Dascomb, 1880; of Tufts College, Arthur L. Keyes.

PROFESSIONAL MEN.

Physicians. Dr. Ebenezer Rockwood, a graduate of Harvard College, 1773, was long a physician in town. Dr. Timothy Parkhurst, a graduate of Dartmouth College, 1813, was for many years the wise and skilful physician of Wilton. Dr. John Putnam also practised medicine in town for a long time, and in recent years Dr. W. A. Jones, Dr. J. T. Buttrick and Dr. Tower have also been practitioners here. Drs. Crombie and Kingsbury of Temple, Dr. Twitchell of Keene, Dr. Daniel Adams of Mont Vernon, Dr. Spalding of Amherst, and Dr. Dearborn of Milford have also been often called upon to visit the sick and suffering in Wilton. Drs. Henry Trevitt, Josiah Fleeman, George W. Hatch, and Green are at present the physicians of the town.

Lawyers. For many years Wilton had no lawyers. Hon. Charles H. Burns, J. L. Spring, Esq., and W. H. Grant, Esq., have officiated in this capacity. Mr. Burns resides in Wilton, but has his office in Nashua.

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* See Chapter XIII.

AUTHORS.

Abiel Abbot, D. D., wrote a History of Andover and a Genealogical Register of the Abbot Family.

Samuel Abbot, Esq., scientific investigations. Hon. Charles H. Atherton in his Memoir of Mr. Abbot, printed in the Collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society, Volume VI., pages 205–211, says: "In 1828 when the 'Pneumatic Paradox,' as it was called, was attracting the attention of scholars, and no satisfactory explanation of it had been found, he first suggested its true theory. This was afterwards experimentally proved by his nephew, Prof. Joseph H. Abbot, in an article published in the American Journal of Science and Arts. In 1837–8 he detected the fallacy of the instrument called the 'Geometer,' to which the attention of Congress was then called as a discovery in magnetism, by which the latitude as well as the North Pole was supposed to be indicated."

John Abbot, a work on mechanical inventions made by him.

Joseph Hale Abbot, articles in the American Journal of Science and Arts, and in scientific reviews.

Samuel Barrett, D. D., tracts and sermons; a volume of sermons, with a memoir by Lewis G. Pray.

Thomas Beede, sermons and orations.

Warren Burton, District School as It Was; The Scenery Shower; Culture of the Observing Faculties in the Family and the School; Helps to Education in the Houses of our Country; Cheering Views of Man and Providence; White Slavery, a New Emancipation Cause.

A. A. Livermore, Priestley's Corruptions of Christianity, abridged; Lectures to Young Men; Marriage Offering; Christian Hymns, compiled; Commentary on the New Testament, 6 volumes; volume of discourses; War with Mexico Reviewed; reviews and occasional sermons; Anti-Tobacco; History of Wilton.

Sarah W. Livermore, fugitive poems.

Ephraim Peabody, fugitive poems; a volume of sermons, with a memoir by S. A. Eliot; Christian Days and Thoughts; Lessons on the Old Testament; occasional sermons and articles in reviews.

Sewall Putnam, History of Wilton.

Uriah Smith, tracts and pamphlets; Diagram of Parliamentary Rules; A Word for the Sabbath; The United States in Prophecy; Synopsis of the Present Truth; The Sanctuary and its Cleansing; Man's Nature and Destiny; Thoughts on the Books of Daniel and the Revelation.

Rebecca Smith, a volume of poems, with the life and experience of her daughter, Annie R. Smith.

INVENTORS.

John Abbot invented an hydraulic motor.

Samuel Abbot, machinery for the manufacture of potato starch.

Daniel Cragin, a bending machine for the manufacture of dry measures, &c.; a machine for sealing measures; a machine for pressing in the bottoms of measures and boxes, and other machines for labor saving in the manufacture of measures and boxes.

Henry A. Holt, a universal wood worker, combining in one machine a double saw-table, an irregular moulder, a buzz planer, a boring machine and a lathe; a box machine for manufacturing locked corner boxes, in which the stock is cut to a proper length, and both ends are cut to lock together at one operation.

Henry Hopkins, machinery for manufacturing boxes.

Messrs. Flint and Gray, a patent on a wagon seat.

Uriah Smith, an automatic folding school seat, patented, and manufactured by The Union School Furniture Company.

Lucinda Spalding, a method of weaving seamless bags.

CHAPTER XV.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOM, AND READING CLUB.

The opportunities for reading in the early days were rare. The age of magazines had not arrived. Even professional libraries of law, medicine and theology were meagre. Juvenile literature was almost unknown. The Bible and a few school books were the chief reliance for moral and intellectual stimulus. But the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures contained an education in themselves, and, as Prof. Huxley has declared, formed the basis of our English civilization. Watts's Psalms and Hymns and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress were in most homes, and they were no small factors in moulding the character of the New England people. But variety is the spice of life, and soon tastes were developed which demanded a wider intellectual range and a more generous culture.

COLUMBIAN LIBRARY.

The Columbian Library was incorporated June 9, 1803; Ebenezer Rockwood, Jonathan Burton and Philip Putnam being the corporate members. The records and catalogue of the library have not been found. Among the books, which are recalled, were Hunter's Sacred Biography, Miss Edgeworth's Tales, and John Adams's Defence of the Constitution of the United States, in three volumes. About the year 1820 the company was dissolved and the books were sold or divided among the stockholders.

READING ROOM.

The Free Sunday Reading Room was established about 1830, by the exertions of a few public-spirited persons, in the hall of Haskell & Whitney's brick store near the church. It was designed especially for the benefit of those who lived at a distance and could not return home during the short intermission on Sunday between the forenoon and afternoon services. Books and tracts, chiefly

upon moral and religious subjects, were provided, and were open to the use of all without payment. Afterwards the books were removed to the church, and what remained were merged in the Sunday School Library, which also furnished reading for young and old. All were destroyed when the old meeting-house was burned.

MINISTERIAL LIBRARY.

The Ministerial Library, connected with the First Congregational Church, and designed especially for the use of the pastor, was established and incorporated Dec. 22, 1824; the corporate members being Rev. Thomas Beede, Eliphalet Putnam, Ezra Abbot, Samuel Abbot and Timothy Parkhurst. The active mover in this matter was Rev. Abiel Abbot, D. D., of Peterborough, who was also one of the earliest founders of free public libraries in this country. The library is placed in charge of five trustees, who fill their own board. The annual income of an endowment fund is devoted to the purchase of books. The number of volumes is over 1000. The library is kept in the parsonage in the centre of the town, and is open to the use of all the ministers of the town of whatever denomination, and also to citizens of the town by payment of a small subscription.

PARISH LIBRARY.

A Parish Library, also connected with the First Congregational Church, and accessible to all the members of the parish, was opened for circulation in October, 1838. It contained about four hundred volumes. It was kept in the old meeting-house, and when the house was burned the books were all destroyed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The Sunday School Libraries, belonging to the several churches, contain a large number of volumes, which are for the use of the teachers and scholars of the Sunday schools of the religious societies.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

This enterprise was due originally to the labors of Rev. Aubrey M. Pendleton, pastor of the Unitarian Church in East Wilton from 1869 to 1875. Mr. Pendleton had previously been actively concerned in the Free Public Library of Peterborough. In March, 1871, he began to collect funds, and continued to do so during that and the following year, 1872. The subscription paper read as follows:

In order to establish and maintain a Public Library in Wilton, we, the undersigned, agree to give the sums severally set against our names; said

Library to be located in the village of East Wilton, and to be held for the use and benefit of all the inhabitants of the town on such terms and conditions as shall be hereafter determined by the subscribers.

The whole amount raised was $2059, and almost all of it was given by residents of Wilton. Mr. Pendleton collected $1500; Hon. Charles H. Burns and Mr. Pendleton together, $151; Mr. Burns alone, $145; Mr. P. H. Putnam, $174; while $20 or $30 came in without solicitation.

A Library Association was then formed and nine trustees were chosen, three of whom were elected annually, as three went out of office each year. A room was hired, and all the funds were expended in books and furniture. The library was then opened to the subscribers of the fund, of whom there were two hundred.

In March, 1872, the town of Wilton voted to raise and appropriate $500 annually for the library, and it was opened to all the inhabitants of Wilton, and to non-resident subscribers. The vote of the town was as follows:

Voted, That the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated for the support and improvement of the Wilton library; the sum to be expended under the direction of the selectmen and the trustees of the Wilton Library Association; and the said library to be open to the free use of all the citizens of said town in consideration of said appropriation.

Rev. Mr. Pendleton and Hon. C. H. Burns were the principal managers, and a fine selection of books was made. While it was adapted to popular wants, standard authors only were admitted, and trash was resolutely kept out. It was pronounced by competent judges to be the best village library they had seen. The town appropriated $500 a year for two years. Two thousand volumes were collected, and a catalogue was prepared and printed. The annual circulation of books reached about 7000 volumes to 750 persons.

But December 2, 1874, a fire broke out in a building adjoining the library and destroyed almost all the improvements that had been made in the village for fifteen years. The library was one of the victims. The book cases, part of the furniture, nearly the whole edition of the printed catalogues and 750 volumes of books were destroyed, to the value of $1271. The insurance made good two-thirds of this loss, so that the actual money loss was about $400. This was a most disheartening set-back to the library, and a great discouragement to its chief founders and helpers, among whom Mr. Pendleton was the devoted leader.

The town failing to continue its appropriation of $500 annually, the library was endowed with $2000, of which a friend of Mr. Pendleton contributed $1200. The sum of $500 was set apart from the insurance, and $300 was procured elsewhere. A dollar a year was then charged for the use of the library, and the enterprise was put upon its feet again. By March, 1876, the library had an income of $350 a year. The charge to users of the library was reduced to seventy-five cents a year. Other donations were made and the endowment rose to $3000, and later to $4200. The annual tariff for users of the books was reduced in 1876 to fifty cents. In 1877 the town appropriated $300 a year, on the guarantee of $200 for its support by the founder of the library, and subsequently $250 on the guarantee of $250 from the same source. As soon as the town made appropriations, the library was made free to all the citizens, and so continued till the time it was destroyed. New books were added, and at the close of 1880 they numbered 3100 volumes.

But January 20, 1881, came another devastating fire. The library was entirely destroyed, not a book or other article escaped, except what chanced to be outside of the building. As the books had been called in for the annual examination, but a small number remained in the hands of the readers. The property destroyed was worth more than $4000, and as the insurance had lapsed, it was all irretrievably lost. Various propositions have been offered and attempts made since the fire to revive the library, but thus far nothing has been accomplished. The remaining effects and the unexpended funds have been placed in the hands of five trustees. It is understood that measures will be taken ere long to reëstablish a free public library.

THE LADIES' READING CLUB.

The literary society known as the Ladies' Reading Club was organized February 10, 1886, for the purpose of mutual improvement and amusement. The meetings are held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings from October to July. The officers consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and an executive committee of three, all of whom hold their respective offices for six consecutive meetings. The librarian is elected for one year. The yearly membership fee is twenty-five cents for active members and fifty cents for honorary members. A library of one hundred and fourteen volumes has been purchased with the money received from the membership fees, and from the

proceeds of a public entertainment given April 28, 1887. There is also a balance in the treasury. The whole number of members for the year ending June 30, 1887, was forty-six.

The following list gives approximately the number of volumes in each of the libraries remaining in Wilton:

The library of the First Congregational Church, 400 volumes; of the Second Congregational Church, 700; of the Baptist Church, 400; of the Liberal Christian Church, 400; of the Ladies' Reading Club, 114; in school district No. 5, 500; Ministerial library, 1000.

There are also valuable libraries in town belonging to professional men and other citizens.

CHAPTER XVI.

MILLS, MANUFACTURES AND INDUSTRIES.

When Benjamin Franklin travelled through New England more than a hundred years ago, he forecast its destiny, for he predicted that its numerous and rapid streams, with their immense water-power, would make it a great manufacturing community. The distinctive qualities of the inhabitants, their intelligence, skill and inventiveness, lead to the same conclusion. The mechanical power and the character of the people both combine to make mechanics and manufactures leading interests. Water and wind will usually be cheaper propellants than steam and electricity. The course of events since Franklin's time has justified his sagacity. For the occupations of countries are largely determined by climate, geological formation, and the race of men. The sea-coast and islands make a community of sailors, merchants and fishermen. The plains and prairies destine men to husbandry; the hills and mountains, to grazing and mining; the brooks and rivers, to manufactures, and so on to the end of the chapter.

The early settlers of Wilton had to contend with many difficulties. They had no mills, no boards, no clapboards, no shingles. The first burial was in a rude coffin, hollowed out of a tree, with a slab hewn from the same tree for a lid. The houses were built of logs, and earth supplied the place of mortar. The axe was the chief tool. For glass, mica was used; for floors, the ground; for window-frames, lead; for chimneys, clay; for plates, wooden platters; for roofs, split rails and earth; for guide-boards, blazed trees, and for road-beds, "corduroy," or logs and poles. At first there was no mill to grind the corn nearer than Dunstable, and afterwards Milford. The pioneer must travel miles and miles along a solitary path through the wild woods with his bag of grain on his back, or on a sled, to reach a grist mill, and must return the same weary way to supply breadstuffs for his wife and children.

The grantors of the town set apart two lots of eighty acres each to encourage the building of mills. The first mill in Wilton was the grist mill at Barnes's Falls, built by Samuel Greele, the grandfather of Deacon Samuel Greele of Boston. It was on lot number 14, in the fourth range, being one of the lots drawn for mills. The first saw-mill was that of Jacob Putnam, situated a short distance west of the southeast corner of lot number 15, and was very near the line between the lots numbered 14 and 15 in the fifth range. A saw and grist mill was built by Captain Nathan Hutchinson at the East village on the same spot where one stands now. On lot number 20 in the fourth range, on the brook that flows by the present glass-house at South Lyndeborough, a few rods above where it unites with Stony River, a grist mill was erected by Dea. John Burton. These mills were all erected before the Revolution. At the West village on Gambol Brook, near where the knob factory of Samuel Smith now stands, was formerly a mill for grinding grain and fulling cloth which, was owned by Uriah Smith. It was burned in 1781 or 1782, but the remains of the dam may yet be seen. Rev. Jonathan Livermore built a saw mill on Gambol Brook about the time of the Revolution. His son Nathan carried on the milling business for many years. The site is still occupied by his descendants for a saw mill, with machinery for making shingles and staves.

At the time of the centennial celebration in 1839, the following record was made of the industries of the town:

> There are now eight saw mills in operation; five grist mills; three tanneries; two fulling mills; one bobbin factory; one cotton factory, burnt in 1839, and not yet rebuilt; one starch factory, owned and carried on by people from Wilton [Messrs. Ezra and Samuel Abbot] but itself in the border of Mason; four blacksmiths, ten shoemakers, including journeymen; two cabinet makers; one hatter; three stores; two taverns.

One of the most serious changes in the industries of the country has been the virtual abolition of the system of apprenticeship. When our forefathers came over the sea, they brought the European method of initiation into the industrial trades by a long period, usually seven years, of careful training and practice. When an apprentice, or negro boy, ran away it was customary to advertise him and offer one cent reward. It is questionable whether mechanical work is as thoroughly done under the present system as under the old one, where years of careful training and practice under experienced master workmen habituated the apprentice to accuracy and skill in every detail of his trade.

ORIGIN OF THE MANUFACTURE OF POTATO STARCH, BY ABIEL ABBOT.

Before the War of 1812 potatoes were easily raised in this region, with larger crops per acre than at present. But there was little sale for them, and the low price did not admit of transporting them far to a market. These facts suggested to the mind of Samuel Abbot, Esq., the desirableness of obtaining the more valuable part of the potato in a form less bulky, and suited to a greater variety of important uses. Discussion of the matter with his brother, Deacon Ezra Abbot, led them to consider by what means this might be accomplished. Experiments to obtain sugar resulted only in grape sugar, or glucose; and this idea was abandoned. Starch in small quantity for domestic use had been previously obtained from potatoes by means of a hand grater and subsequent washings. But to obtain it in large quantity with machinery and a greater power was not known ever to have been attempted. To do this successfully would not only create a better market for potatoes, but it promised remuneration for expense by furnishing a valuable article for extensive consumption. Mutual interchange of ideas on the subject finally led to action.

Early in the fall of 1811, as appears, a building about twenty feet square was erected, at his own expense, by Ezra Abbot, near his house, the lower story for a horse to turn a shaft connected in the second story with machinery for washing and grating the potatoes; the same story to have apparatus for cleansing the starch with water made to flow in from a small brook, also a set of wide, shallow drawers with fire underneath for drying it, the whole costing about $200. Months passed before the machinery was all in place. Meanwhile its object excited much wonderment in the neighborhood. From an evasive answer to some inquisitive person, that it was "to make Free-masons by water," it was styled "Free-masons' Hall." After it was started "no admittance" on the door continued the mystery some time longer.

The first starch seems to have been made in the spring of 1812; and for five or six years Ezra Abbot continued to manufacture starch in mild weather of fall and spring, from potatoes only of his own raising, kept in winter in his house cellar and taken to the mill as wanted. He had machinery to work only about a dozen bushels at a time, and did not work every day; he made one year about 6000 pounds of starch, at the rate of eight pounds of starch to each bushel of potatoes. For a market, he made repeated visits to Bos-

ton, Salem, Newburyport, Andover and other towns, selling some and leaving some to be sold on account; he sold at eight cents a pound, but traders often put it as high as twenty cents. It was used in families for puddings and otherwise, and was recommended by druggists as a delicate food for invalids. About 1817 John Smith, Esq., of Peterborough, after many failures, succeeded in making of it good size for use in cotton manufacture; and about the same time Mr. Paul Moody at Waltham experimented with it for the same purpose, long in vain, but with hints from Mr. Smith, and having a lot of it on hand, persevered till he succeeded and wanted more. Ezra Abbot's first mill was an experiment, to try machinery and a market. Being now well assured of both, Ezra and Samuel Abbot decided to build on a larger scale.

In 1818 the site of an old disused sawmill in the near border of Mason was purchased, and much labor expended in preparing the spot by blasting out rocks to make room for potatoes, building a stone dam, quarrying other stone for the mill, &c. Up to this time Samuel Abbot had been in practice of the law at Dunstable and afterwards at Ipswich, Massachusetts. But in November, 1818, he removed to Wilton, and henceforth the brothers gave their united energies to the business under the firm name of E. & S. Abbot. For many months they were much together, especially in evenings and far into the night, consulting and devising the requisite machinery, much of which differed from that in the first mill and involved the application of new principles. As their plans became settled, the construction of the machinery was put in the hands of different mechanics under bonds not to divulge. As the spring of 1819 opened, the farmers of adjacent towns were engaged to plant more or less land with potatoes, and in the fall to bring them the crops at a fixed price per bushel. Meanwhile the building was erected, 60 by 30 feet, the lower story of stone, with an L for storing starch. To get in all the machinery and properly adjust it, they found to be a work of time. It was March, 1820, when they commenced operation on their three thousand bushels of potatoes, and before all were worked up the water became warm and required the use of ice. At first they received potatoes by measuring loads for cubic inches and reducing to bushels, in a year or two by weighing loads and empty carts in a frame, but in a few years they changed the frame for Fairbanks's platform scales. There being no law for the weight of a bushel of potatoes, they adopted as an average of weighings by themselves and neighbors, the rule of sixty-four pounds

to the bushel. As crops were light or abundant, their stocks of potatoes varied in quantity; being for seven years less than six thousand bushels a year; for eleven years, between six and ten thousand; for seven years, from ten to fifteen thousand; in other years more; their largest stock, in 1830, was over twenty-six thousand bushels. Farmers within six or eight miles or more found it a cash market for their potatoes. The crops of different seasons differed in quality; and some kinds were richer in starch than others. "Long Reds," for instance, yielded well per acre, but not so well in starch.

Experience and observation gradually taught the partners improved processes, especially in securing the finer, lighter starch, which, being of nearly the same specific gravity as the light part of the refuse or "grains," had been difficult to separate. But their best skill did not suffice to obtain all the starch of the potato. Of the ten, twelve or more pounds in a bushel, according to quality, more or less escaped with the "grains," to be fed to cattle and hogs, and more or less flowed off with the potato juice into the brook to double and treble the hay crops in the meadows below. The amount of starch obtained per bushel in different years ranged from seven and one-third to nine and two-thirds pounds; being in five years less than eight pounds, in seven years more than nine pounds, and averaging about eight and one-half pounds per bushel of 64 pounds. The quantity of starch manufactured also varied greatly, from 10½ tons in 1820 to 119½ tons in 1830–31; being in the first six years 161 tons, in the next six years 357 tons, and in the seven years 1840 to 1846, 255 tons. The data for several years are not found. There was immediate demand for their starch at Peterborough and at Waltham. In a year or two cotton mills were erected in Lowell, Nashua and other places, which called for starch, and there was no difficulty in disposing of all they could make. The wholesale price ranged at different times from three and one-half to five and one half-cents a pound.

In the afternoon of Friday, December 26, 1828, the starch mill was burned; and Ezra Abbot by inhaling hot smoke brought on a long and severe illness of lung fever. The mill was partially insured. Some potatoes were spoiled; but the larger portion remained good, and the mill was rebuilt in time to work them all up before too warm weather. A second time the mill was burned in the night after December 17th, 1839. When the fire was first seen at 2 A. M. by a neighbor half a mile away, the main building was already burnt

down; there was no insurance, and the loss was estimated at $3000. Of 9000 bushels of potatoes, 2000 had been worked up, 4000 were in an outer cellar, and of 3000 bushels there in the mill, some were ruined, others good. The mill was at once rebuilt and all the good potatoes were worked up.

From the beginning Messrs. E. & S. Abbot were cautious of admitting strangers to view their works. They intended to procure patents of parts of their machinery, wrote to Washington, and prepared specifications, models, &c. But as this mode of maintaining their rights might require lawsuits with expense of money, time and trouble, they concluded to protect themselves, as they best could, without patents. They had knowledge of clandestine attempts to examine their machinery. A starch mill was started in New Ipswich, but in a year or two proved a failure. One young man proposed to join them in putting up a mill about fifteen miles away; and they, finding it a good location, acceded to the arrangement and had considerable machinery prepared by their mechanics, when he, having thus acquired some knowledge of the business, dropped off and went north, where starch mills afterwards appeared. But other parties honorably compensated them for information and assistance. In 1831 Messrs. O. & E. Prescott engaged them to superintend the construction of their mill at Jaffrey; which Samuel Abbot subsequently rented and operated in his own name, while Ezra Abbot operated the Mason mill, still in the name of E. & S. Abbot, their customers being supplied from either mill as most convenient. This continued till the burning of the Jaffrey mill and the lamented death of Samuel Abbot, January 2d, 1839. Of the potatoes, about 2300 bushels, damaged, and 3245 bushels, sound, were sold. The remainder, 3800 bushels, were transported to the Mason mill; of which Ezra Abbot, by purchase from the heirs of his brother, became sole proprietor. Five or six parties from the state of Maine at different times applied, and, for a consideration, received information and assistance. In one case, Ezra Abbot left his mill in charge of workmen, went to Maine and spent several weeks there initiating the party into the business.*

In later years the potato disease interfered much with the business, discouraged planting, rendered the stock of potatoes received

* In a speech recently delivered before the Senate of the United States by Hon. W. P. Frye, senator from Maine, it is stated that 1,700,000 bushels of potatoes are annually used in that state for the manufacture of starch. The same manufacture is also extensively carried on in the states of the northwest and in Canada.

at the mill less in quantity, and of less value for starch, the best being wanted for domestic use. In the bad year, 1845, in a stock of about 5500 bushels, Dea. Abbot estimated his loss by the disease as equal to more than 1600 bushels; it reduced the yield for that year to only six and one-fifth pounds per bushel.

In the season of 1846 Ezra Abbot, from failure of health, was able to visit the mill only once or twice, and devolved the charge of it on his son, Abiel Abbot. On his decease, April 3d, 1847, his sons, Abiel and Harris Abbot, became joint owners under the name of A. & H. Abbot. They continued the manufacture of starch four or five years with stocks of potatoes diminishing from the united effects of the disease and of the coming of railroads; both causes combined to raise greatly the price of potatoes for general consumption. The last stock received was between one and two thousand bushels. The mill was sold and converted into a saw and stave mill.

COTTON AND WOOLLEN FACTORIES.

The first cotton and woollen factory was incorporated June 16, 1814; William Bales and Amos Holt, Jr., corporators.

The Wilton Manufacturing Company was incorporated June 23, 1829; Amos Dickey, Abiel Lovejoy, Silas Bullard, Royal Wallace and Abraham Whittemore, corporators. This mill was burned in 1839.

With the same charter and the same title a company was formed in 1848, with a capital of 50,000 dollars. Joseph Newell, Elipha-let Putnam, Ziba Gray, Daniel Abbot, Esq., William D. Beasom, Clark C. Boutwell, Royal Southwick, Elbridge Reed and Tappan Wentworth were the principal stockholders. The mill was built in 1849, the wheel and shafting were put in in 1850, and the manufacture of carpet yarn was begun April 6, 1851. The mill was of wood, 98x40 feet, and contained two stories with a basement. A wheel-house was built of one story, 32x30 feet, with a basement for washing wool; one-half of the room above was used for a repair shop. The wheel was a breast wheel, 24 feet in diameter, with buckets 12 feet long. A drying-house, a wool-house and a double cottage were also built, and these, with the old boarding-house, were all the buildings at first owned by the company.

The first lot of machinery consisted of six spinning frames, three twisters, drawing frames, pickers and other small machinery to match; also one set of cards and one jack for making filling. From

this small beginning new machinery was added from time to time until the mill contained fourteen spinning frames, seven twisters and a corresponding increase of new and modern machinery, including English combers. The machinery was increased for making filling from one to four sets. While this increase of machinery was going on the building had to be correspondingly enlarged. In 1858 forty feet were added to the length of the mill, making it one hundred and thirty-eight feet long. In 1865 another addition was made in L form, fifty by seventy-two feet, and one of Swain's turbine wheels of 130 horse-power took the place of the old breast wheel and was run until the mill was burnt, March 6, 1872. In May, 1851, forty-nine hands were employed and the pay roll of that month amounted to $788.34. In January, 1872, 116 employes were paid $2371.41. The mill was in operation twenty years and eleven months. The first superintendent was Mr. Ripley. He was soon succeeded by Mr. Elbridge G. Woodman, who acted so long as the mill was in operation.

The following account by Mr. Woodman, one of the most active promoters of the prosperity of East Wilton, will be read with deep interest, as sketching a half century's growth in a New England village:

When I first came to Wilton in 1839 I went to view the ruins of the old cotton mill, and the sight of those ruins and of the beautiful location gave me a feeling of sadness, and I asked myself if it was not possible to have those ruins restored and the hopes and anticipations of a disappointed people made bright again. At that time there were twenty-four houses in the village and four in Pine Valley; today there are one hundred and fifty-six houses in this village, and about thirty in the Valley. I speak of Pine Valley, although just over the line in Milford, because all there is there today is the result of what was done in Wilton by the Wilton Company.

I came to Wilton in 1844 to reside a couple of years, and during that time held long and frequent consultations with Mr. Joseph Newell, trying to devise some way to get up a company to build a mill where the old one stood, but this was no easy matter. In the first place, the stock or shares of the old company must be bought up; this was a difficult operation, as this stock was scattered far and wide, and some of its owners, thinking something was to be done, wanted fabulous prices for their stock, and had these first efforts been undertaken by a less cool and persevering man than Mr. Newell, nothing would have been done, and this village would not be what it is today.

Finally it was arranged that Mr. Newell, with the assistance of Mr. Eliphalet Putnam and Mr. Abiel Lovejoy of Milford, should go to work to buy up the old stock, and get others interested, while my part of the

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business was to go back to Chelmsford, and, if I could, get Gay & Silver interested, as they could furnish the machinery. The next thing to do was to get Royal Southwick, then agent of the Baldwin Company at Chelmsford, to take hold and help, as he had money and influence; this was finally accomplished after more than a year's talk and some pretty sharp diplomacy.

Daniel Abbot, Esq., of Nashua was next appealed to, and he procured an act of incorporation without personal liability, or, rather, had the original act renewed. But now came the tug of war when stockholders were wanted. They said it was too far away from the railroad, and besides they had no interest in Wilton, but if they knew the railroad would go to Wilton they would take stock. And the railroad people said if they were sure the mill would be built the railroad should go to Wilton, and today Wilton is reaping the advantages of these early efforts. Finally, after long and discouraging efforts, a company was organized, the stock ($50,000) was taken and a mill built, going into operation April 3d, 1851. At this time the mill was 100 feet long, 44 feet wide, and two stories high with basement.

After speaking of the machinery and its gradual improvements, Mr. Woodman continues:

In 1853 it paid a town tax of $300, with a pay roll of about $500 monthly, and when destroyed in 1873 it paid a tax of about $1400, with a pay roll of about $1500 monthly. And here let it be remembered all of this increase had been made from the earnings, and no assessments had ever been made on the stockholders. And here it is but just to say that this fine showing was not due wholly to skilful management, for during the war everybody made money. Nevertheless the influence of the old Wilton Company was having its effect, and the result was that Mr. Joseph Newell built the Newell mill, and that Mr. H. A. Daniels was able to get up the Pine Valley Company and to erect a large and substantial mill, which today has a large pay roll, and sends out a great amount of goods. Although the mill is in Milford, it is, with the exception of its taxes, precisely the same to the people of Wilton as if it were standing just a little nearer to the village over the line, for here come all the people belonging there to do all their trading, and here in the village are their church, post office, &c. This fine property is now, and has long been, under the skilful and prudent management of Mr. Nash Simons, and long may it exist to bless those employed there and to contribute as it has done to the prosperity of Wilton.

INDUSTRIES ACCORDING TO CENSUS OF 1850.

Capt. Aaron Barnes, saw-mill, carding machines and cloth dressing; capital, $1200. Product, boards, 100,000 feet valued at $1000; shingles, 50,000, $125; laths, 40,000, $80; carding and cloth dressing to the amount of $300.

Benjamin Hopkins, saw-mill. Boards, 50,000 feet, $450; shingles, 10,000, $25; laths, 24,000, $48; shuttle-woods, 6000, $120.

Nahum Child, saw-mill and grist-mill. Boards, 125,000 feet, $1125; shingles, 100,000, $250; toll for grinding, $300.

John A. Putnam, saw-mill and grist-mill. Boards, $450; shingles, 100,000, $255; table-legs, 4000, $240; toll for grinding, $50.

Willard French, saw-mill. Boards, 200,000 feet, $2000; shingles, 100,000, $250.

Jonathan Livermore, boards, 75,000 feet; shingles, 30,000; both valued at $775.

E. Putnam & Company, bobbins, knobs and machinery, $2650.

William Sheldon, bobbins, spools and 125 cords of timber, $1100.

Abijah Hildreth, saw-mill and grist-mill. Boards, 120,000 feet, $1200; shingles, $80; grinding, $75.

Joseph W. Killam, furniture. Stock, $1850; product, $5500.

John Burton, table-frames. Stock, $210; product, $800.

Jones, Lane & Company, boots and shoes; capital, $7000, stock, $8000. Number employed, 20; males, 12; females, 8; product, $17,700.

LATER MANUFACTORIES.

The Davis Manufacturing Company was incorporated July 9th, 1863. Joseph Davis, Royal Southwick, Charles B. Jones, Jasper Kelley and William S. Bennett were the corporate members. They manufactured carpet warp and filling. The mill was in successful operation until October 4th, 1869, when a flood swept across the road and entirely destroyed the mill.

About three years after this flood, Dr. J. G. Graves and others built a canal, about forty rods long, on the east side of the river, from the dam to an eligible site, and erected a building but never filled it with machinery. The building has for several years been used by H. W. Hopkins and F. B. French for the manufacture of writing desks and fancy boxes.

The Newell Manufacturing Company was incorporated July 7th, 1866. Joseph Newell, George A. Newell and Charles H. Burns were the corporate members. They soon erected a mill, and a track was laid from the railroad to their store-house. They manufactured carpet warp and filling. For some cause the business was not successful. About 1880 the machinery was sold and the plant went into the possession of Daniel Warner & Sons, who put in

machinery for making cotton yarn and twine. They ran the mill about two years.

The Wilton Company has a capital of $30,000. Hon. Charles H. Burns is president, Hon. John A. Spalding, treasurer, and Charles A. Burns, clerk. On January 1st, 1883, they commenced the manufacture of cotton warps, yarns and druggists' and merchants' twines. They run 2240 spindles spinning and 882 twisting. They use both water-power and steam, and the mill is heated by steam and lighted by gasoline.

The Messrs. Whiting have a saw-mill that they run several months in the year, in which, besides the board-saw, they have box-board and stave saws, and saws for sawing wood, planing machines, and machinery for making keg and barrel-heads, and for preparing the box stock ready to be nailed together. They grind in their grist-mill about one hundred and twenty-five car-loads of corn annually, most of which, with about one hundred car-loads of feed, is sold to the milk-raisers. In addition, they have a large run of custom grinding. Their power is furnished by a steam engine of eighty horse-power and a water wheel of seventy horse-power. They also sell about five hundred tons of coal and three hundred and fifty cords of wood annually. Their trade in milk, cheese and butter will be detailed under a separate head.

Levi Putnam has a saw-mill, a planing machine and turning lathes, and manufactures trunks and trunk stock. Power, water.

Daniel Cragin has a saw-mill and machinery for manufacturing knife trays, dry measures, and sugar boxes. He employs about six hands. Power, steam and water.

Nathan Barker has a grist-mill.

Hermon Hopkins, a saw-mill, clapboard and shingle machinery and turning lathe.

Henry H. Livermore, a saw-mill, shingle and stave machinery.

James H. Holt & Son manufacture knobs and milk can stopples, and have a cider mill.

Henry O. Sargent, a saw-mill and turning machinery.

Samuel W. Smith manufactures knobs.

Wheelwrights and Carriage Makers. Flint & Gray; A. J. Parker.

Jobbing Blacksmiths and Carriage-smiths. Bales & Putnam; C. B. Smith; H. N. Gray & Son.

Carpenters. Abel Heseltine, William Emerson, H. L. Emerson, James L. Hardy, William D. Stearns, Jeremiah Driscoll, L. A. Tyler, Elson D. Frye, J. H. Hutchinson, Nathan A. Cragin.

Brick and Stone Masons. Joel Hesselton, Charles Hesselton.

Brick Mason. John Gage.

Stone Masons and Stone Cutters. Elijah Putnam, J. R. Dascomb, John H. Sheldon, Isaac N. Hutchinson.

TANNERIES.

There have been four tanneries in Wilton. The first was on the place now owned by Mr. George S. Buss. It was started by Mr. Uriah Smith, but the date that he commenced it has not been ascertained. He sold to Asa Chandler, deed dated July 23, 1778. After Chandler came George Abbot, Benjamin Barrett, William Parker, Asa Jones, Marden & Mills, Asa Pollard and Benjamin T. Foster. Mr. Foster commenced business in the yard in February, 1836, and carried it on successfully for thirty-two years.

The site for the next yard, known as the Stockwell yard, was purchased of John Farrington by William Blaney, deed dated November 13, 1799. The subsequent owners were Greenleaf Stevens, John Nutting and Elijah Stockwell. Mr. Sylvester Simonds was the last that did business on it.

Capt. Isaac Spalding came to Wilton from New Ipswich in 1800. He probably built his tannery soon after coming to Wilton. It was kept in operation more than forty years, the only occupants being Capt. Spalding and his son, Mr. Moses Spalding.

In 1863 Messrs. Andrew J. and Artemas Putnam built a tannery at the East village in which they did business for several years, but owing to financial embarrassments it is now unoccupied.

THE MESSRS. COLONY, MANUFACTURERS.

In the manufacture of woollen goods in New Hampshire, probably no other name is so prominent as is that of Colony. Josiah Colony, the first of the name to engage in woollen manufacturing, was born in Keene, April 8, 1791, and died June 5, 1867. He was born on the farm where his father was born and died, and where his grandfather lived a considerable portion of his life and died. He commenced manufacturing in Keene in company with Francis Faulkner, under the name of Faulkner & Colony, and the firm name continues today, although the interests are represented by the third generation on one side and the second on the other,—Geo. D. Colony and Horatio Colony representing their father's interest on

the Colony side. All his sons* have been interested in the manufacture of all-wool flannels and dress goods.

On June 28, 1850, a manufacturing property situated in Harrisville and purchased by Josiah Colony, was incorporated under the name of Cheshire Mills, and soon after Timothy, Henry, Alfred T. and John E. became stockholders. Henry was at the time of his death, and had been for many years, the treasurer of Cheshire Mills. Cheshire Mills at the present time is owned by Timothy Colony's estate, John E. Colony's estate, and by Horatio Colony, who purchased Henry's interest.

The number of hands employed in a flannel mill is small as compared with some other branches of woollen manufacture.

Faulkner & Colony run six sets of machinery, employ some sixty-two or sixty-three hands, consume from five to six hundred thousand pounds of unwashed wool (wool in the grease, or before scouring), and produce from 750,000 to 800,000 yards of flannel.

Cheshire Mills, in Harrisville, run nine sets of machinery, employ ninety-four or ninety-five hands, consume from eight to nine hundred thousand pounds of wool (before scouring), and produce from 1,100,000 to 1,200,000 yards of flannel and dress goods.

The foregoing account was kindly furnished by Hon. Horatio Colony of Keene.

The mill at Wilton is owned and operated by Frank H. Colony, Fred. Colony and James Colony, sons of Henry Colony. The firm name is "Colony Bros." The mill has seven sets of machinery, is four stories high and is built of stone and brick. The main mill is 117x54 feet; dye house, of one story, 60x40 feet; boiler house, engine room and picker building, three stories, 36x40 feet. The firm began to build in 1882 and commenced business February 1, 1883. They make flannels and dress goods, produce yearly 1,000,000 yards and employ seventy-five hands.

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*Timothy, born July 19, 1818, died October 31, 1882; George D., born May 6, 1821; Henry, born March 23, 1823, died July 18, 1884; Alfred T., born May 7, 1828, died December 15, 1876; John E., born April 17, 1831, died October 5, 1883; Horatio, born November 14, 1835.

CHAPTER XVII.

PAUPERISM AND INSANITY.

In the earlier stages of New England civilization the condition of the abnormal members of the community, such as paupers, the insane, slaves and criminals, was a hard one. Puritanism made men and women stern, resolute, firm, severe, but not particularly gentle, compassionate, sympathetic, or humanitarian. God Himself was looked upon as King and Judge, rather than as the universal Father. If men suffered, the feeling was that they ought to suffer. It was the Hebrew code rather than the Christian; an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. The Indians were regarded and treated as the children of the devil, and worthy of extermination. They were often sold into slavery. Slaves were made even of white men. Little compassion was felt for those who fell out of line, and did not keep step with the march of society. The poor were sold at auction for their maintenance to the lowest bidder. The insane were regarded with superstitious awe, and were often shut up in cold and filthy outhouses, sometimes chained, without fire, suitable clothing, proper food or medical attendance. In one town in New Hampshire a man was confined in a cage for thirty years, from which he had never been out but once! The treatment of criminals was harsh and vindictive, and the condition of jails and lock-ups was a reproach to civilization and to Christianity. Orphan children, apprentices and the friendless often experienced little mercy or commiseration from those who had them in charge, or from the community. Domestic and school discipline, even to the more favored, was grounded on the proverb of "sparing the rod, and spoiling the child." Such was the general character of the times, to which there were, of course, many notable exceptions, worthy of all commendation.

But all these features are so changed now that they appear almost incredible to later times. There have been no reforms more

remarkable than the amelioration of the condition and life of the weak and suffering classes. The leaven of Christianity has been leavening the whole lump and reaching out to the very outskirts of society. The spirit of Him who came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them, and to seek and save the lost, is becoming the corporate spirit of states and cities. When we consider the progress of the last one hundred and fifty years in the direction of humane and benevolent activity, we cannot but hope for still greater and more beneficent changes in the near future.

Lecky, in his "European Morals," remarks that the merciful treatment of animals is one of the surest tests of an advanced Christian civilization. The mission in this country of Henry Bergh to prevent cruelty to animals has accomplished a great revolution of sentiment, and his recent decease has called forth noble testimonies to his disinterested labors for those creatures of God which have no articulate speech to plead their own cause.

The Centennial Pamphlet tells us of the early paupers:

The first pauper in town was by the name of Stratton, who received aid from the town before the Revolution. From this time till 1830 there were but seven families—and these but in part—who were supported by the town. Some other individuals, but very few in number, have occasionally received aid. In 1830 a farm for the poor was purchased, and was carried on by the town for some years. The products of this farm were nearly sufficient in most years to pay the wages of the overseer and family, and for the support of the poor.

PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO THE TOWN FARM.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1830, the town

Voted, to purchase a farm on which to support the poor. Joel Abbot, Oliver Perham and Daniel Batchelder, selectmen, and Jonathan Parkhurst and Jonathan Livermore were appointed a committee to purchase a farm, stock, tools and furniture for the same, and to employ a man and his wife to manage the same.

The paupers were supported on this farm thirty-eight years.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1868, the town

Voted, that the selectmen appoint a committee of three to dispose of and sell the town farm.

Voted, that this committee sell the personal property on the town farm on the first day of April next.

Voted, that this committee be authorized and empowered to dispose of sell and convey said farm and to give a deed of the same.

The farm comprised lot No. 8 in the eighth range and about three-fourths of lot No. 8 in the ninth range of original lots. It had been formerly owned by Nathan A. Whiting. After the town sold the farm, the paupers were provided for by contract, as before.

PROCEEDINGS IN REGARD TO HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FARM.

The increase of manufacturing at Manchester, Nashua and other villages in the county, and the law passed in 1841, making void all settlements gained in the towns prior to 1796, added much to the number of the paupers to be supported by the county.

The county judges, Hon. Jacob Whittemore of Antrim and Hon. Jesse Carr of Goffstown, at that time had the superintendence of all matters relating to the county paupers. For the purpose of lessening the expenses to the county of maintaining the paupers, in the latter part of the year 1849 they purchased of Noyes Poor, Esq., of Goffstown, a farm for which was paid $10,000. In February, 1850, the judges notified the several towns that the establishment was ready to receive paupers. The first report of the justices was dated September 3, 1850, the institution having been occupied about six months. During that time there had been 176 paupers at the farm, 88 having been the largest number at any one time, and 77 being the average number. From the same report we obtain the following:

Paid for repairing and fitting up the buildings,	$ 483 73
Paid for stock, farming tools and furniture,	1,678 91
Cost of farm,	10,000 00
Total outlay,	$12,162 64

At the session of the Legislature of 1851, the representatives of Hillsborough County met in convention for the purpose of examining the financial affairs of the county, and the following resolve was passed:

Resolved, that Jonathan D. Clement, of Weare, be and is hereby appointed in behalf of this convention to make examination into, and thoroughly investigate, the financial affairs of the county for the last five years, and to make and report to the next county convention a general statement of the affairs of each of said years, and a full and particular statement of said affairs in detail, for each of the two last years, and that said Clement have power to send for persons and papers in making said investigation; which resolution, having been considered by the convention, was, on motion, adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Clement submitted his report to the convention of representatives of Hillsborough County at the session held in June,

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1852. From that report we obtain the following statement of the expense of the county for paupers for the years named in the report:

Paid in fiscal year ending April, 1847,		$ 9,710 66
" " " 1848,		10,030 01
" " " 1849,		12,660 31
" " " 1850,		14,073 47
" " " 1851,	$5,048 80	
Paid for support of county farm same year,	5,122 93	
		10,171 73

The law passed by the Legislature in 1855, remodelling the judiciary, abolished the offices of county justice and road commissioners, and created the office of county commissioners, with the duties and powers previously belonging to county justices and road commissioners.

The report of the commissioners, dated December, 1857, gives the expenses for paupers, during the previous year, as follows:

At the county farm, ...	$4,546 33
Paid to towns for support of county paupers, .	5,544 73
To pay special contracts, New Hampshire Asylum, &c.,	614 32
	$10,705 38

Whole number of paupers at the farm, 281; average number, 104½; number of weeks' board of paupers, 5,434.

The Legislature in 1860 or 1861 passed a law making void all settlements gained prior to 1840, which threw the support of most of the paupers upon the county and caused the sale of the town farms, on which paupers had been previously supported.

Late in the year 1866 the buildings at the farm in Goffstown, with the exception of the barn, stable and corn-barn, were destroyed by fire.

The representatives of the towns of Hillsborough County, in convention at Manchester, in January, 1867, instructed the county commissioners to sell the County Poor Farm at Goffstown, and such parts of the personal property connected with the farm as they deemed advisable, and authorized them to purchase the Whiting farm in Wilton, at an expense not exceeding the sum of $12,500, and to erect such buildings thereon as might be necessary for the accommodation of the county, at an expense not exceeding $10,000.

The county took possession of the farm April 1st, 1867, and a suitable building was erected of wooden material, eighty-two by forty feet, three stories high, with a cellar under the whole having a cemented bottom. The farm, proper, contains 436 acres, and is bounded on the west by Temple, while the north line is one-half of

a mile from the south line of Lyndeborough. It also includes a lot of 100 acres, situated northeasterly from the buildings, which is bounded on the north by the Lyndeborough line. Since the farm was purchased by the county, the expenditure for building, including the cost of boiler-house and boilers, has exceeded $20,000. In 1884 a wind-mill, with the necessary apparatus for raising water to the buildings, was put in at a cost of $521. The method was successful.

A number of years since, the establishment was made a County House of Correction, which adds to the number of those that are able to work. While Captain Bumpus was the superintendent, twelve acres of the pasture west of the buildings towards the interval were cleared of rocks; and since the present superintendent, Mr. Charles A. Stiles, has had charge, twenty acres north of the buildings and ten acres east of the road have been cleared of rocks, which with two acres begun, but not finished, will make forty-four acres changed from rough pasture to smooth fields. The old walls have also been cleared off, making but one field on the west side of the road. On the southerly part of the farm is a large orchard of Baldwin apple trees, from which, in 1883, were taken twelve hundred barrels of marketable apples.

We extract from the report for 1873 the following statistics:

Number at the almshouse January 1, 1872, 108; admitted during the year, 146; deaths during the year, 11; weekly average of inmates during the year, 118; number at the almshouse January 1, 1873, 120. Of the one hundred and forty-six admitted during the year, twenty-nine were sentenced to the house of correction.

Cost of support of paupers at the farm, . .	$9,287 80
Paid for support of paupers away from the farm,	5,791 52
Total cost of supporting paupers from Jan. 1, 1872, to Jan. 1, 1873, ...	$15,079 32

From the report for the year ending April 30th, 1884, we take the following statistics:

Number at the almshouse May 1, 1883, 244; admitted to May 1, 1884, 253; discharged to May 1, 1884, 243; supported and partially supported, 497; births, 11; deaths, 27; weekly average of inmates during the year, 266; number at the almshouse May 1, 1884, 254.

Cost of support of paupers at the almshouse, . .	$23,430 45
Paid for support of paupers in towns and cities, .	13,673 12
Total cost of supporting paupers from May 1, 1883, to May 1, 1884, ...	$37,103 57

Rev. I. S. Lincoln, former pastor of the Unitarian Church, says:

Since the establishment of the County Farm in this town in 1868, there have been officially connected with it two very able and successful superintendents, with their coöperating wives; namely, Captain G. G. Bumpus and C. A. Stiles, Esq. There have been also three chaplains, two of whom were worthy Baptist preachers. One, the Rev. S. C. Fletcher, was my predecessor, and the other, the Rev. George Trow, is my successor and the present incumbent. Myself, a Unitarian preacher, held the office of chaplain for ten years, more than half the time. The following is my closing report for the year ending April 30, 1883:

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Hillsborough County.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report that my official duties at the County Home have been the past year performed with increasing interest; both the officers and inmates of the institution have manifested a most kindly interest in my appropriate work as their chaplain, and also because I feel quite sure that my official influence has a direct bearing on the best interests of humanity. The Christian religion, which it is my duty and highest pleasure to preach and practise, is the Divine charter that guarantees to all beings their rights and true interests. And this fact furnishes the most searching test of genuine religion, hence an eminent clergyman once said "that person's religion is worthless whose dog and cat are not better for it." Solomon, in his wisdom, has truly said "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast." If this is characteristic of a righteous man to kindly treat animals, how much more readily will he so treat all classes of human beings? For our Savior says on this point, "How much better is a man than a sheep." Now this religion, this Christian principle and spirit, are needed everywhere, but very specially in almshouses and reformatory institutions; needed as a governing spirit in the hearts of all concerned in the management of those establishments; for these are the strong ones, clothed with power over their weak dependents. Without this guiding spirit, or without the restraint of civil law or circumstances, their weak dependents are liable to suffer from an invasion of their rights and a disregard of their true interests. These institutions are built, or should be, in the interests both of the inmates and the community. In these institutions the poor, the diseased, the insane, ignorant, homeless children and criminals find a temporary home, where provision is made to meet their needs. Here certain classes of criminals are sent for a limited time; such establishments should be made, as far as possible, homes of reform, that, under certain influence, they may, through repentance and reformation, lay aside all their bad habits and form all those good ones that shall fit them to be good citizens, so that when their sentence expires they may not return to the dens of iniquity from which they came, only relieved of certain physical burdens brought with them, or cured of disease at the public expense. No, these institutions should be made reformatory under the application of Christian influence to far

greater extent than what they are. This is essential to the highest well-being of all classes of the community. These institutions should be so pervaded and controlled by Christian influences, felt and yielded to, that the angels of earth and the angels of Heaven shall here have abundant occasion to rejoice over the repentance of sinners. In conclusion, let me say that I have not been led into the preceding trains of thought by way of criticising this institution, but because I have recently learned that some other institutions of a similar character are open to very severe criticism on account of the manner in which they are managed. From the bad examples of others similarly situated with ourselves, it is well for us to take warning and thus shun evil. The old maxim still holds good: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Respectfully submitted,

I. SUMNER LINCOLN, *Chaplain.*

REPORT OF C. A. STILES, SUPERINTENDENT, AUGUST, 1887.

Insane, 87; paupers, 319; criminals, 32; children, 63; those in school, 35; the teacher, Alice Green. The expenses of the establishment are $20,000 annually. Chaplain, Rev. D. Donovan. The productions of the farm in 1887 were 140 tons of hay, 35 acres of hoed crops, of ensilage corn, 12 acres, potatoes, 12½, 3 acres sweet corn, 2 acres cabbages, 3 acres garden truck, &c.; 70 horned cattle, 8 horses, 100 hogs, 100 hens.

INSANITY.

Comparatively few instances of insanity or idiotism have occurred in town during its long history of a century and a half. Contrary to the usual opinion among scientific men, that the farmer population are peculiarly subject to mental aberration, the experience of our little commonwealth proves that no class is less liable to this calamity than the hardy sons of the soil. Mrs. Alvah Russell, Israel Holt, Abner Flint, Simon Sheldon, Mrs. Joseph B. Howard, Alvin Avery, Mrs. Taylor and Joseph Melendy, Jr., are the principal names that occur in this connection. In some instances the derangement was only temporary, and soon yielded to proper hospital treatment. There have been some other cases of mental disorder, but these are the prominent ones.

The Asylum for the Insane at Concord, erected under the inspiration and zeal of Miss Dorothea L. Dix, lately deceased, is open to the unfortunate. The pauper insane of the county are placed at the county farm in Wilton.

CHAPTER XVIII.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT.

In the time of our fathers whipping was a common punishment for minor offences, such as petty larceny, and assault and battery. Public sentiment, however, in process of time has revolted against its brutality, and it is now inflicted in but few communities. The cat-o'-nine-tails has been thought, in this country and in England, to be the proper infliction for that contemptible class of criminals called wife-beaters, and in some states of the Union the whipping-post has been reëstablished. In general, however, cruelty begets cruelty, and barbarous punishments do more to harden than to reform the transgressor. Probably to prohibit liquor-making and liquor-selling would do more to diminish crime than the enforcement of the severest laws.

At the county court held in Amherst in October, 1771, Jonas Stepleton was sentenced to be whipped twenty stripes on the naked back for theft, and to pay a fine of £44, or ten-fold the value of the goods stolen and the costs of court, or, in default of payment, to be sold as a slave for seven years. An oak on the Wilton common was in the early times the whipping-post. A culprit, condemned to undergo this punishment for stealing clothes hung out to dry, made his shrieks heard across the valley a mile away. An old lady relates that at a later period a whipping-post, eight or ten feet high, stood at the southeast corner of the common. Here justice was administered on violators of the law and disturbers of the peace of the community. The same post was also used as a bulletin board for public notices.

The worst crimes have been very rare in the history of our town. Instances of graves being robbed occurred at one time many years ago, but the offenders could not be identified, though certain individuals were suspected of being guilty. A detective agent was

employed, but no arrests were made, and the criminals were never brought to justice. In 1865 a supposed horse thief, passing through town, was arrested and indicted under the name of W. J. Hunter, *alias* George Brown, but the evidence was not sufficient to convict him, and he was discharged. Some years ago an altercation took place on the public street in East Wilton on Sunday, in which Thomas Broderick of Milford struck a man by the name of Doyle on the head with the edge of a board. Doyle fell and died in a few minutes. Broderick was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to the State Prison for a term of years. After about one year's imprisonment he was pardoned by the Governor on a petition signed by a large number of the citizens of Milford. About the year 1868 two young men, named Newgent and Howard, committed several burglaries in East Wilton and were arrested in Peterborough. They were tried, convicted and sentenced to the State Prison for three years. Less than a month elapsed between their crime and their sentence. About the year 1870 a man by the name of Barry was convicted of committing a burglary in East Wilton, and sentenced to the State Prison for two or three years.

But the greatest shock ever given to the public morals and the honorable repute of the town was by the repeated crimes and the execution of Elwin W. Major. Major was a native of Goffstown and about thirty years old. He had removed with his parents at five years of age to Randolph, Vermont, thence went to Manchester, New Hampshire, when nineteen years old, and worked there for some time, and then removed to Iowa. He returned east, worked for a time in Goffstown, then went to Wilton to work in a mill and cabinet shop. Afterwards he worked on a farm, and married the daughter of the proprietor, and lived in Wilton Centre. On the 20th of December, 1874, his wife, Mrs. Ida Major, was taken suddenly and violently ill, and on the evening of the same day she died. She was buried, but her sudden and strange death, coupled with other circumstances, awakened strong suspicions of foul play, and led the town authorities to investigate the case. The result was clear; strychnine had been purchased and administered and was the undoubted cause of death. Further investigation led to the strong belief that Major had been guilty of several other murders. He was arrested and imprisoned, and after two trials he was convicted of murder by the court, and sentenced to be hung. He was transferred from the county jail to the State Prison at Concord, and on January 5, 1875, was executed, protesting his innocence to the last.

Some attempts at burglary in East Wilton have occurred, which have been prevented by the timely interference or resistance of the citizens. George Peacock in 1878 or 1879 was convicted of burglary and sentenced to the State Prison for three years, but after one year's imprisonment he was pardoned out by the Governor on petition.

The old meeting-house was destroyed by fire, and investigation resulted in the belief that it was the work of an incendiary. But there was not sufficient evidence to produce conviction at law, and no arrests were made.

So far as is known none of the above criminals were natives of Wilton. If this chapter of the history is short, therefore, it speaks well for the morality and intelligence of the town, and of the surrounding community.

CHAPTER XIX.

FIRES, FLOODS AND CASUALTIES.

Wilton has not escaped the destroyers which attack our modern civilization. Her losses by fire, especially, have been comparatively very great. Besides the destruction of single houses, barns, or mills, in the three notable instances, in 1874, 1881 and 1885, extensive conflagrations have swept over the business centre of the East village, laying waste the principal stores and public buildings. But the sufferers have uniformly rallied with fresh courage and energy to repair their losses, and have rendered the place more beautiful than before. New stores and dwellings have filled the vacant lots, and a substantial and elegant Town House now occupies the site of the once spacious Whiting House, destroyed by fire.

But it has become a serious question how the ravages by fire can be stayed. We have exhausted all the appliances and inventions of modern times to arrest the fearful devastation, such as steam fire engines, paid fire departments, fire extinguishers, hydrants, fire signals, but millions upon millions of property and scores of lives are destroyed every year in our land. This waste of society is alone sufficient to account for much of our poverty and misery. It partially explains why the average gain per capita is so slow, notwithstanding the immense enterprise and industry of the American people. A more efficient cure for this evil must probably be sought, not so much in improved methods of putting out fires, as in improved methods of constructing buildings which shall prevent them, or, at least, shall greatly retard the progress of flames. He will be a true benefactor to society who shall devise and introduce a mode of building reasonably secure against fire and not too costly to be generally adopted.

George Brown

HELIOTYPE PRINTING CO. BOSTON.

FIRES.

The following buildings have been burned: Hezekiah Hamblet's house on the west side of the road southeast of Abiel Flint's house; James Dascomb's barn, 1774, on the south side of the road northeast of Mrs. Francis Whiting's buildings; Uriah Smith's grist mill and clothing mill, 1781 or 1782, near the site of Samuel Smith's knob shop; a school house near where Mrs. Henry Newell's house now stands; Deacon John Flint's house, April, 1810, northeast of Mrs. Charles White's barn; Colonel Dascomb's shop, March 21, 1829; John Parker's house, May, 1833; the factory of the Wilton Company, February, 1839; J. Newell's first store in East Wilton; Deacon Ezra Abbot's house, 1840; Deacon William Sheldon's shop and dry house at West Wilton, 1844; second fire, July 21, 1864; Theron Russell's house, John F. Russell's house, Joseph Holt's house, the Batchelder house on the hill east of Joseph W. Stiles's, David Whiting's Barrett house, Henry Putnam's house and Mrs. Charles Howard's house and barn; Abiel Fisk's cider mill, farming tools and grain, May, 1853; Jonathan Snow's house, 1853.

The old meeting-house at the Centre, the second built in town, was burned December 8, 1859. A juvenile concert had taken place the same evening. The fire was generally believed to be set by an incendiary, and it broke out about midnight. "Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised Thee, was burned up with fire, and all our pleasant things were laid waste." The following buildings were burned at different times: Mrs. Chandler's house, opposite Gardner Blanchard's; Stock's house, in which two children were burned; Nahum Child's building, where the butter factory now stands; the factory of the Wilton Company, March, 1872; Peter H. Putnam's store-house; W. P. Duncklee's shop, on the site where C. A. & H. L. Emerson's shop stands; Spalding's cooper-shop; John Herlihey's house; Freeman's mill, built and formerly owned by Philip Putnam; Mrs. O'Neil's house and barn, 1873.

On December 2, 1874, a destructive conflagration swept over the principal street of East Wilton. Beginning at a store and dwelling, it laid in ashes Masonic Hall, the Public Library, Whiting's Hotel, stores, houses and other buildings. The cause of the fire was supposed to be the spontaneous combustion of oil and painters' rags. The loss amounted to about $105,800, the insurance to $55,000. J. Newell's and S. N. Center's buildings were burned

March 15, 1876; John H. Frye's stable, opposite the depot, and Jeremiah Driscoll's house and barn in 1879.

On January 20, 1881, East Wilton had a second great fire, destroying many of the newly erected buildings, Masonic Hall, the Bank, the Public Library, and houses and stores along the most thickly settled part of Main Street on the same site as that of the great fire of 1874. The losses were estimated at $50,000, and the insurance at about $30,000. In 1882 the Goss Mills, formerly the French Mills, were burned; on June 27, 1883, Harvey A. Whiting's barn and in the same year his house.

But these misfortunes were not to be the last, as will be seen by the following extract from the Wilton Journal of December 8, 1885:

Wednesday evening, December 2, 1885, will long be remembered as a most unfortunate one for this enterprising New Hampshire village. Though accustomed to a certain extent to reverses of this nature, the conflagration of last week will long leave its dreadful impress upon the business interests of the town of Wilton. For the fourth time a portion of the business street has been laid in ashes. Shortly after ten o'clock, fire was discovered in S. A. Spalding's meat market, in the office located in the rear of the market. Immediately the alarm was given and the whole town was aroused. The firemen responded quickly, but there was some delay in getting a stream of water on the fire, and ere this was accomplished the fire had gained such headway that it was evident that it could not be subdued. The buildings being constructed of wood, the fire was quickly communicated to the blocks on either side, and soon all adjoining buildings were a mass of flames. To stay the progress of the fiendish elements was an impossibility, of such combustible materials were the buildings composed. The firemen worked heroically; barring the delay at the outset, no criticism could be offered.

The fire gradually, but surely, worked westward, and soon Ring's Vegetable Ambrosia manufactory, S. K. Foster's tin shop and the stable occupied by F. P. Kent were enveloped in flames. In the meantime Ramsay's Block, in which the fire had originated and which was occupied by S. A. Spalding and S. N. Center, 2d, was being burned to the ground. It was indeed most fortunate that no wind prevailed at the time, else the destruction would have been threefold. Several buildings were more or less endangered, and for a time the destruction of the railroad bridge seemed imminent. Aid was in consequence summoned from Nashua, and was promptly sent, but its services were not needed, the local department assisted by the Messrs. Colony's hydrants affording sufficient protection. The fire was under complete control by 12 o'clock. The loss is variously estimated, but probably $20,000 will cover the amount; A. A. Ramsay's building, loss $5000, insured for $2000; S. N. Center, 2d, groceries, loss $3500, insured for $2250; S. A. Spalding's meat market, loss $2000, insured for $1000; P. Ring's Ambrosia manufactory, loss $3000, insured for

$1600; S. K. Foster, tin ware, loss $3000, insured for $1500; A. H. Smith, jewelry, loss $500, insured for $300; S. B. Cotton, owner of the stable, loss $2000, insured for $1000; Ramsay & Blanchard, apples, loss $700. F. P. Kent also lost several hundred dollars' worth of property. A large amount of valuables was stored in the basement and upper story of Ramsay's building, all of which was burned. The fire doubtless originated from an over-heated stove in Spalding's office, and was purely accidental. The fire must of necessity cripple the industry of the town, but Wilton pluck is manifesting itself in the erection of new buildings on the burned territory.

FRESHET.

The greatest flood ever known in Wilton took place on Monday, October 4, 1869. Rain had fallen on Sunday and Sunday night, and on Monday forenoon, but no apprehensions of a very high freshet were felt until noon, when the windows of Heaven seemed to be opened and poured down sheets of water such as had never been seen before. In a very short time the streams rose to a fearful height, sweeping away bridges, dams, logs and mill stuff, mills and factories, gullying roads, and flooding fields and meadows. Brooks became raging mountain rivers. Torrents swept down the hills. A cloud seemed to have burst over the devoted region. It continued to pour until half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, when the storm broke away and the sun came out. Only one bridge in town escaped injury. Roads were impassable for weeks. Travellers were obliged to cross the fields and to ford streams. The woollen factory at French Village was undermined and swept down stream. The cost to Wilton of repairing roads and bridges was $60,000. In consideration of the loss, ten thousand dollars of taxes were remitted to the town by the county of Hillsborough. Other towns suffered from the flood. Permanent marks were left in the hills and valleys by the terrible deluge of 1869.

PECUNIARY LOSSES.

Many business misfortunes have from time to time fallen upon the inhabitants. The Daniels defalcation sunk from $80,000 to $100,000. The Milford Bank robbery cost the people of the town about $10,000. By the failure of the Pine Valley Company the owners lost about $60,000, and grocers and other traders suffered from bad debts contracted by the operatives.

LOSSES BY LIGHTNING.

A barn belonging to Mr. Wood, on the place now owned by Mrs. C. Blood, was struck by lightning and consumed, in the evening of

August 9, 1779. The old meeting-house was struck by lightning July 20, 1804, and one of the centre posts at the east end was split from top to bottom. About the year 1837, in June, the barn of Mr. Simeon Holt was struck by lightning and burned, and on August 27, 1845, the barn, corn-barn and shed of Mr. David Whiting. In the latter instance, one hundred tons of hay, a large quantity of barley, farming tools and a wagon were destroyed. In August, 1859, the lightning struck a rock-maple tree in the pasture of Mr. Samuel Sheldon, and killed six cows. July 11, 1876, the house of Mr. James H. Holt at the West Village was struck, and his wife, Mrs. Lucy H. Holt, was instantly killed. June 28, 1879, the house of Mr. Charles E. Barrett was struck. Mr. Charles H. Burns, who had just entered the house, was wounded in the face by flying splinters, and the health of Miss Jennie Barrett was seriously impaired by the shock. In the summer of 1886 the lightning killed a valuable cow belonging to Mr. Henry N. Blanchard of Wilton Centre.

CASUALTIES.

On September 25, 1798, as Captain Samuel Greele was riding on horseback from his home in the southwest part of the town to attend a public meeting at the Centre, he was struck from his horse by a tree blown over by the high wind, and was killed. The accident occurred on the road between Mr. Russell's and Mr. Livermore's. The sons of the deceased, Deacon Samuel Greele, of Boston, and Augustus Greele, of New York, erected, by the side of the road, a marble monument, enclosed by an iron fence, and bearing a suitable inscription.

At the raising of the house of John Dale, one of the early settlers of the town, a man was instantly killed by an iron bar accidentally falling on his head from the hands of a man above him on the frame. As already related, there were five men killed and nearly fifty wounded at the raising of the frame of the old meeting-house. Some died in consequence, and others bore the marks of their injuries as long as they lived. On April 5, 1879, Mr. George Blanchard, while at work at Whiting & Sons' saw-mill, was severely wounded in the foot by the circular saw, and amputation was afterward required. As mentioned before in the account of the Grand Army Post of Wilton, one of its members, Mr. Hurley, was suddenly killed by an accident while engaged in sledding wood.

CHAPTER XX.

TEMPERANCE, HYGIENE, EPIDEMICS, LONGEVITY, AND MORTALITY.

Before the Revolutionary war the habits of country people, the early settlers, were simple and temperate. Ardent spirits were used moderately, but chiefly on public and social occasions. We have already taken note of the bountiful supply, provided by a vote of the town, for the raising of the frame of the meeting-house in 1773, and it was not unreasonably supposed that it was one of the principal causes of the terrible disaster at that time. At funerals, at weddings, at ministers' meetings, at town meetings, at balls and parties, it was customary to treat with some kind of spirituous liquors. Yet in spite of this custom temperance was the general rule. But the war of the Revolution made some change in the public morals. Drinking, smoking and the use of profane language increased. The army is not a school of morality or of religion. Society, as population and wealth increased, became more luxurious in its tastes, and the old hardy virtues gave way. Then as the orchards were planted and came to maturity, cider, the native wine of New England, became a common beverage. It was a common saying that a cider drunkard was more cross and unbearable than any other.

In the course of time a new feature was introduced among the farming population, the distillation of cider, producing what was called cider brandy or apple-jack. This was thought to be a wise economy, to turn the old hard cider in the farmer's cellar into this fascinating beverage. For the time being it gave quite a backset to habits of sobriety and the cause of temperance. But gradually a reaction took place, and it was seen that this domestic alcohol was the same old enemy under a new name.

As the old orchards of native fruit decayed and broke down, choice grafts were introduced, and apples began to be sold as an important article of exportation. Apples at home came more into use as a healthful article of diet. Cider mills and cider distillation have gone comparatively out of date, and drunkenness by the use of cider is virtually a thing of the past.

The Wilton Temperance Society, organized in 1834, numbered in 1839 between 300 and 400 members, but the pledge of the members was only to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors. Since that time total abstinence societies have been formed, and a large number of members have been enrolled. Union temperance meetings are held monthly at the different churches, and the pastors and members are active in the work of reform. The sale of all intoxicating liquors is prohibited in the town of Wilton, and there is no place where they are legally sold. But that this law, like other good laws, is not perfectly obeyed is well known, and no evil can be absolutely extinguished even in the most Christian and civilized communities.

The change in the drinking usages of country communities is something wonderful. Whereas formerly liquors were in everyday use, now they are an unknown article in most families except for medical or mechanical purposes. They do not habitually pass the lips of the young, and drunkenness as a town vice is unknown. A passage like the following, taken from a former storekeeper's accounts, could not now find a place in any Wilton ledger. Here is the record of one month to one man:

1817, part of April and May. To goods, $1.58; to 1 gill, .06; 1 gill, .06; 1 gill, .06; 1 gill, .06; 1 glass, .03; ½ mug toddy, .06; gill sling, .06; ½ glass, .05; 1 glass, .06; 1 glass, .03; 1½ glass of gin, .06; 4 glasses of gin, .16; 1½ glass W. Indies rum, .06; 1½ do., do., .06; to one glass, .04; ½ mug, .08; glass, .03; 1½ glass, .05; 1 qt. N. E. rum, .19; 1½ glass, .05.

One hundred and thirty-one cents for drinks, and one hundred and fifty-eight cents for other goods!

But apart from any temporary customs or habits unfavorable to health, on the whole the town is noted for its sound hygienic conditions. Simplicity of life, agricultural and mechanical pursuits, exemption from the luxury of wealth and the extreme hardships of poverty, freedom from malaria, and a tonic climate have served to produce a hardy and long-lived people. In no community can we find the conditions of longevity better fulfilled than in Wilton and

other New England towns. If we include all classes and occupations no people are better fed, better clothed and better lodged, to promote physical well-being. Particular classes in other countries may enjoy better hygienic conditions, but not the whole population. It will be our own fault, then, if the rate of mortality is not the lowest, and the average of longevity, the highest.

EPIDEMICS.

Seldom has Wilton been visited by any of those fatal epidemics which sometimes almost depopulate a community. Rev. Thomas Beede in "A Topographical and Historical Description of Wilton," in Farmer & Moore's Collections, volume 1, No. 2, says:

> No uncommon sickness has ever been known here except in the year 1801, when a very malignant and contagious fever prevailed very generally among the people for a number of months and in many cases proved mortal. It is conjectured, perhaps not without reason, that the contagion was introduced in a parcel of old feathers, which had been brought in and sold by peddlers, just before the fever made its appearance.

The small pox has made its appearance at several times, but, owing to careful measures of precaution, it has not spread to any great extent. Mrs. David Cram died of this disease in 1853 or 1854.

LONGEVITY.

Owing to the causes above stated the longevity of the town has been remarkable. In 1880 Wilton had 1747 inhabitants; 107 of them, or about six per cent., had reached the age of seventy years. In a carefully prepared list, taken by Mr. Sewall Putnam from the public records of the town, it appears that from 1791 to 1884 one hundred and twenty-nine persons have died between the ages of eighty and ninety years. During the same period twenty-five persons have died between the ages of ninety and one hundred years, namely:

Daniel Batchelder died May 19, 1816, aged 96; Mrs. Mary Burnham, January 7, 1828, aged 92; Mrs. Susannah Gage, May 3, 1831, aged 90; Mrs. Rebecca Burton, August 17, 1831, aged 92; Mrs. Elizabeth Dascomb, October 10, 1832, aged 93; Mr. Samuel Sheldon, December 24, 1832, aged 92; Mrs. Sarah French, January 25, 1833, aged 94; Mrs. Mary Johnson, April 24, 1834, aged 91, and her husband, Ephraim Johnson, December 27, 1834, aged 92. This couple had lived together in married life 69 years. Mrs. Hannah Morgan, April 30, 1839, aged 92; Mrs. Huldah Burton, September 15, 1839, aged 94; Mrs. Mary Spalding, November 19, 1839, aged 90; Mrs. Mary Flint, May 26, 1844, aged 90; Mr. Ephraim Woodward,

February 8, 1859, aged 90; Mr. Joseph Melendy, August 12, 1863, aged 91; Mrs. Stephen Mansur, May 11, 1865, aged 91; Mrs. Sarah Center, October 27, 1867, aged 93; Mrs. Lucy Burton, April 11, 1874, aged 91; Captain David Wilson, October 16, 1875, aged 96; Deacon Abel Fisk, September 25, 1877, aged 93; Mrs. Esther D. Holt, January 28, 1878, aged 97; Mrs. Bathsheba Richardson, July 18, 1878, aged 90; Mr. Joseph Newell, February 17, 1881, aged 90; Deacon Joseph Smith, March 16, 1883, aged 94; Sophia Blanchard, October 16, 1884, aged 90.

One centenarian, Mrs. Sarah A. Holt, reached the age of one hundred and three years, two months and twenty-five days, and deceased October 9, 1854.

MORTALITY.

The number of deaths in Wilton was, in 1851, 20; 1852, 20; 1853, 26; 1854, 27; 1855, 20; 1856, no record; 1857, 26; 1858, 26; 1859, 25; 1860, 25; 1861, 16; 1862, 22; 1863, 40; 1864, 27; 1865, 25; 1866, 15; 1867, 14; 1868, 19; 1869, 31; 1870, 34; 1871, 31; 1872, 40; 1873, 26; 1874, 25; 1875, 31; 1876, 24; 1877, 19; 1878, 29; 1879, 34; 1880, 25; 1881, 23; 1882, 22; 1883, 24; 1884, 38.

The population of Wilton was, in 1850, 1161; 1860, 1369; 1870, 1974; 1880, 1747; average of population, 1565. The yearly average of deaths for the thirty-three years given above is 25.7; the average number of deaths to each thousand of inhabitants, about 16.4.

CHAPTER XXI.

BURIAL PLACES AND CEMETERIES.

Besides the four cemeteries at present in Wilton, namely, the North, South, East and County Farm cemeteries, there are four private burial places where a few bodies have been interred.

The first of these is the grave of John Badger, the first white person who died on the territory now included in Wilton. Its exact locality is not known, but an intelligent informant states that it is "a little north of the road running east from the Dale place, either in the field or the pasture, probably in the pasture." Philip Putnam, Esq., a few years before he died, built a tomb near his house, in which he, his wife and his two sons were buried. Lieut. John Hutchinson, his wife and two sons were buried in the lot back of his house in the East village. Mrs. David Cram, who died of small pox in 1853 or 1854, was buried on the farm belonging to the family.

NORTH, OR VALE END, CEMETERY.

The following measures were early taken by the town to provide suitable interment for the dead:

June 27, 1771, *Voted*, to raise £1 16s. to provide a burying cloth for said town and chose Nathan Blanchard and Abner Stiles a committee to provide said cloth.

The first allusion to the burying ground in the town records is found in a warrant for a town meeting, dated September 17, 1772, of which article fifth reads as follows:

To see if the town will vote to clear and fence the burying ground in said town, and to raise money, and choose a committee for that purpose.

At the meeting held October 5, the fifth article was dismissed. In a warrant for a town meeting, dated May 20, 1773, is the following:

Whereas Mr. John Cram proposes to make a present of one-half of an

acre of land for a burying place for said town, this is, therefore, Fourthly, to see if the town will pay Mr. John Cram eighteen shillings, L. money, for one other half acre of land, adjoining the old burying place in said town, and for a privilege of a road or highway to the same on his giving a conveyance of the same.

At a meeting, held June 3, 1773, it was voted to allow Mr. John Cram eighteen shillings L. M. for one-half acre of land, adjoining the old burying place in said town, and the privilege of a highway to the same upon his giving conveyance of the same.

It appears from the subsequent action of the town that the foregoing vote was not carried into effect, for, at a town meeting held December 5, 1780, the following votes were passed:

Put to see if the Town will purchase Land for a Burying Yard and Fence the same; it passed in the affirmative.

Voted, to Fence with Stone Wall.

Voted, to chuse a Committee of five men to Purchase and Fence said Yard. Messrs. Jonathan Burton, Joseph Holt, Abner Stiles, Jacob Putnam Jun. and Nathan Ballard were chosen for said committee.

Voted, that said Committee clear said Yard and make a road to the same.

The above vote is the last found relative to the old burying yard. The road was eight or ten rods west of where the gate now is. The northeast corner of the first yard was a short distance northeasterly from the grave-stones of Mr. John Dale, Sen., and wife. The gate was near where the remains of Rev. Warren Burton and family are interred. The original yard was in the south part of lot No. 14, in the fifth range, and contained but little more than an acre. With the exception of John Badger, it is not known that any person was buried in any other part of Wilton until 1809, seventy years after the first settlement. In 1817 the land lying north, between the burying ground and the highway, was taken in and divided into lots. The bank wall from near Mr. Peabody's house to the gate was built by Messrs. John J. Holt and Hermon Batchelder. Papers found in the "Old Chest" show that the town paid for the wall, gate posts, wooden gate and labor for lotting, $76.10.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1869, it was

Voted, that the town purchase of Charles H. Burns about two acres of land adjoining the north burying ground for enlarging the same.

Voted, that a committee of three be chosen to procure a deed of the land to be purchased, and see that the same is enclosed and lotted out, and a plan of the same made, and also to appraise the lots and note the price on the plan. Moses Clark, Asa Stiles and Sewall Putnam were chosen to act as said committee.

Soon after this last annexation to the cemetery, Mr. Andrew N. Burton interested himself in raising the means for improving the North cemetery. Mr. Burton, Mr. Benjamin Baker, Hon. Isaac Spalding of Nashua and Hon. S. G. Mack of Lowell, each subscribed fifty dollars, and many others who had friends interred there contributed liberally in labor. An organization was formed, and was in existence until the grounds were much improved. At the annual meeting of the town in 1871 it was voted that the burying ground at the north part of the town be known as the "Vale End Cemetery."

On a small slate head-stone, in the northeast part of the old burying ground, is the following inscription; "Here lies y^e^ body of Phebe Cram, y^e^ Daughter of M^r^ John and M^rs^ Sarah Cram, who died Ag^s^ y^e^ 29^th^ A. D. 1752 being 19 days old."

It is the earliest date found on any stone in the yard, and the death is the first in Wilton (except Mr. Badger's) of which we have found a record.

SOUTH CEMETERY.

The town bought between two and three acres lying on the east side of the highway leading from the Centre to the south part of the town, and situated in the south part of lot No. 10 in the fifth range. It was fenced with wall and lotted, and the first body buried there was that of Rev. Jonathan Livermore, who died July 20, 1809.

At the annual town meeting in 1876 the town voted to raise the sum of three hundred dollars to enlarge and improve the South and Vale End cemeteries, and authorized the selectmen to appoint agents to expend the sum. About two and one-fourth acres, lying east of the South cemetery, were purchased of Mr. Henry Gray for fifty dollars; the deed was dated October 18, 1876. The remainder of the appropriation was expended in improving the South and Vale End cemeteries.

EAST CEMETERY.

Mr. Leonard Pettengill and Mr. Elbridge F. Perkins purchased a tract of land, forming the southeast part of lot No. 12 in the second range. It was lotted out for a burial ground September 4, 1854, and the next day Mrs. Hannah W. Spalding, wife of Mark N. Spalding, Esq., was interred there, and Rev. E. N. Hidden, then of Milford, performed a dedicatory service. Soon after the survey of the Pettengill and Perkins lot, Mrs. Samuel Spalding had a

lot, which joined that on the south, surveyed and divided into lots. These persons sold lots as they were called for until most of them were disposed of. The first mention of the East cemetery to be found in the town records, is in the following article of the warrant for the annual town meeting of 1864: "To see if the town will accept of the graveyard near the premises of Mrs. Samuel Spalding as a town burying yard, and keep the same properly fenced and cared for."

At the meeting the town

Voted, that a committee of three be chosen to see what action is needed to be taken by the town in reference to a public burying ground at East Wilton and to report at the next town meeting.

Voted, that the committee be appointed by the chair; the chair appointed Moses Clark, Benjamin T. Foster and Ezra Bales as said committee.

At a meeting held November 4, 1864, the town, after hearing the report of the committee chosen at the annual meeting,

Voted, to instruct said committee in behalf of the town of Wilton to purchase the amount of land of Mrs. Samuel Spalding and Mr. Henchman Sylvester as recommended by the committee appointed at the last meeting, also to fence the yard now occupied and the addition recommended.

Voted, also, that said committee be authorized to survey, prize and dispose of the lots.

The land enclosed in the Vale End, South and East cemeteries amounts to about sixteen acres.

Immediately after the county took possession of the Whiting farm, the county commissioners located on lot No. 20, in the eighth range, a lot for a burial ground for the use of the County Poor Farm.

CHAPTER XXII.

MILITIA AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

An act was passed by the New Hampshire Legislature, December 27, 1772, by which the militia of the state was organized, and the 22d Regiment was thus designated:

> The companies in the towns of New Ipswich, Sharon and Mason shall constitute the first battalion, the companies in the towns of Peterborough, Temple and Wilton shall constitute the second battalion, which shall constitute the 22d Regiment.*

The act organized twenty-seven regiments in the state. Philip Putnam of Wilton was appointed Colonel of the 22d Regiment; Jonathan Burton was Captain, Edward Herrick First Lieutenant, and Jacob Putnam Second Lieutenant of one company in Wilton. Whether the other company was organized at that time, or who its first officers were, we have been unable to learn, but the letter from the selectmen to Colonel Wheeler, given below, shows that, in 1798, there were two companies in Wilton, commanded by Captain William Bales and Captain William Pettengill. The line, dividing the town for the two companies, commenced at the Milford line on the old County road, continued on that road to Baker's corner, thence by the Davis place and Gardner Blanchard's to the old common, thence on the old Temple road by Moses Lovejoy's, George Parkhurst's, Rosalvo Smith's and Abner N. Holt's to the intersection of the roads at the Temple line, at the corners of lots No. 11 and No. 12 in the ninth range. Those on the north of the above described roads constituted the third company, those on the south constituted the seventh company, of the 22d Regiment. The

*Subsequently Lyndeborough was added to the regiment.—[S. Putnam.

following copy of a communication to Colonel Abijah Wheeler was found in one of the "Old Chests:"

Sir, Whereas you did on, or about, the 29th day of November last issue your orders, to the two Captains of the Militia in the town of Wilton directing them to raise, arm and equip twenty-nine men, officers included, being their proportion of one hundred and eleven men called for out of your Regiment: That the said Captains Bayles and Pettengill did, on the 29th day of March last, assemble their companies at the meeting-house in said Wilton, for the purpose of raising said men, and did, by the assistance of said town, raise the number called for agreeable to your orders; and whereas said town apprehends themselves greatly injured by the large proportion laid upon them, have passed a vote, directing the subscribers hereof to inform you that they are always willing to furnish out their just proportions of men, and bear an equal burden of public charges with their fellow Citizens, but, as they find their proportion to be so much larger than what it was in the last requisition,* or what have been called for in other towns, they wish you to make inquiry into the matter, if our Captains have made unlawful returns, by returning those that are sixteen years old and upwards to the age of forty years, as they expect the law of this State requires, they wish to have the matter explained, or if other Captains have made unlawful returns, we wish to have the matter explained also;—Therefore, Sir, if you see cause to make inquiry into the matter and find the disproportion has arisen from ununiform returns in your Regiment, we hope you will take such measures as that our grievances may be redressed and the minds of the people in this part of your Regiment once more set at ease; And further if you see cause to gratify our request we wish you to inform us the first opportunity.

This, Sir, is from your most obedient and humble servants,

Wilton, April 4th 1798.
Colo Abijah Wheeler.

Abiel Wilson, Joseph Holt, Eliphl Putnam, } Selectmen of Wilton.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENTS.

The following extract from the "Law passed June 24th, 1786," will show the contrast between the arms and equipments required then and those of the present time:

All captains and subalterns must be furnished with a half-pike or espontoon or fusee and bayonet, and also with a sword or hanger; and they must provide themselves with these arms within one month after receiving their commissions, under penalty of being cashiered by sentence of a

*It appears that there had been a previous requisition for men, when not so large a proportion of men was called for; but I have found no record of the names of the men raised under either of the requisitions.—[S. Putnam.

court martial. Each company is to be mustered four times a year. Each non-commissioned officer and soldier shall be provided with, and have constantly in readiness, a good musket and a bayonet fitted thereto, with a good scabbard and belt, a worm, a priming wire and brush, a cartridge box that will hold at least twenty-four rounds, six flints, and a pound of powder, forty leaden balls fitted to his gun, a knapsack, a blanket and a canteen that will hold a quart.

OFFICERS OF THE WILTON COMPANIES, 22D REGIMENT.

The following list of officers of the militia in Wilton is copied from records in the adjutant general's office in Concord, but the record of the earlier officers is wanting. We give only the captains and colonels, as the list of the lieutenants, ensigns, cornets, &c., would occupy too much room.

CAPTAINS OF 3RD COMPANY, 22D REGIMENT.

Putnam Wilson, June 21, 1817; John Bales, March 27, 1822; Isaac Blanchard, Jan. 22, 1824; John Burton, 2d, Jan. 25, 1825; Oliver Barrett, Feb. 2, 1827; Luther Dascomb, Aug. 20, 1829; Sewall Putnam, Sept. 5, 1832; Jonathan Livermore, Jun., April 15, 1834; John Wilson, April 18, 1836; George Buss, March 22, 1837; Fisk Russell, April 8, 1841; William Emerson, April 1, 1842; Isaac Abbot, March 9, 1843; Benjamin F. Steele, Feb. 1, 1844; William Lane, Feb. 16, 1846; Seth S. Goldsmith, Sept. 14, 1849.

CAPTAINS OF 7TH COMPANY, 22D REGIMENT.

Jonathan Parkhurst, March 30, 1820; Samuel King, Jan. 25, 1825; Hermon Pettengill, June 20, 1827; Isaiah Mansur, April 26, 1830; Jonathan Livermore, Jun., May 27, 1832.

CAPTAINS OF MILLER GUARDS, 22D REGIMENT.

Samuel King, April 14, 1840; Joseph B. Howard, April 21, 1842; Joseph Wilson, March 9, 1843; Jonathan Livermore, Jun., April 4, 1845; John Stevens, Feb. 16, 1846; Horace Parkhurst, March 17, 1847; Henry Gray, Jun., July 18, 1849.

CAPTAINS OF CAVALRY, 22D REGIMENT, BELONGING TO WILTON.

Caleb Putnam, April 19, 1819; Elijah Stockwell, March 26, 1822; Hermon Batchelder, April 8, 1826; Levi Tyler, March 3, 1830; Moses Lovejoy, Jan. 20, 1835; Henry Abbot, Feb. 6, 1838; David Cram, Aug. 10, 1839; Samuel French, April 14, 1840.

COLONELS OF 22D REGIMENT BELONGING TO WILTON.

Jonathan Parkhurst, June 30, 1826; Samuel King, July 1, 1829; Luther Dascomb, June 25, 1833; Horace Parkhurst, Aug. 31, 1839.

CAPTAINS OF WILTON LIGHT INFANTRY.

Abraham S. Moody, May 14, 1864; Aaron A. Clark, Sept. 21, 1866; James L. Hardy, May 12, 1868.

TRAININGS AND MUSTERS.

The customs of annual trainings and musters were a part of the militia system of our fathers. The trainings occurred on the common at the Centre of the town, usually in the spring of the year or early summer. The several companies were marshalled on the village green, and displayed their tactics to the admiration of the people and especially of the boys. It was a holiday, and the elders gathered to witness the show, and told the deeds of other days when they perchance were led by General Gates or General Wayne to victory.

The muster was a more important affair. It usually took place in the fall after harvest, and interested all the country-side weeks before the event. It consisted of the review of a regiment or of a brigade by the Governor or Major General. It was held on some convenient plain which permitted military movements or evolutions, and drew a great crowd of both sexes. Many popular shows were attracted to the place. It was supposed that, by these glittering displays of "the pomp and circumstance" of military glory, the patriotic ardor of the people would be kept alive, while at the same time something would be done to drill the soldier in the art of war. The early associations of the New England boy were vividly connected with these holidays, which broke the monotony of farmer life, and recalled what he had heard from father or grandfather of the days of the Revolution. This impression was carried to its climax by the "sham fight," in which some battle was imitated, and it required but little imagination to see in some General Colby or General James Wilson the tall form of Washington leading his troops to victory at Trenton. But the ancient trainings and musters have long been numbered with the things of the past, and now exist but as a tradition.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The first step toward the formation of a fire department in Wilton was the purchase of a fire engine, prior to 1870, with money subscribed by residents of East Wilton, of whom the most prominent was the firm of A. J. & A. Putnam. This engine was afterward presented to the town and the gift was formally accepted December 23, 1874. The first efficient action by the town in regard to a fire department was taken at the annual meeting in 1873, when it was voted that the sum of five hundred dollars be raised and expended by the selectmen for hose, &c., for the fire engine. At a

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town meeting held December 23, 1874, immediately after the fire which destroyed the Whiting House, stores and other buildings, the following votes were passed:

Voted, to organize a Fire Department, and authorize the selectmen to appoint three or five fire engineers, and to organize one or more fire companies.

Voted, to authorize the selectmen to provide a suitable place to keep the fire engine and for the assembling of the firemen.

Voted, that the town accept the fire engine now in the village of East Wilton.

Voted, to authorize the selectmen to provide suitable places to take water in case of fire.

Voted, to authorize the purchase of another fire engine.

Voted, to authorize the purchase of hook and ladder apparatus.

The selectmen appointed David Whiting, Peter H. Putnam, George S. Neville and George B. Preble fire engineers, and they were qualified January 1, 1875.

At the annual town meeting held March 9, 1875, it was

Voted, that the sum of $3,000 be raised for the fire department, which is to be used in carrying out the votes of the preceding meeting.

Voted, to raise $425 to purchase the engine house at the French village of Peter H. Putnam, and the same to be used for the accommodation of the fire company and for no other purpose.

In 1881, at the annual town meeting, the sum of $2000 was appropriated to provide a better supply of water in case of fire, and the expenditure of the money was left to the selectmen and the fire engineers. The appropriation was expended in the purchase of a fire pump, four hydrants and water pipe, and in placing them in a situation to be used. The pump is located in the wheelpit of the grist mill belonging to D. Whiting & Sons, who provide the power to operate it. One hydrant is near the railroad at the end of the Messrs. Whiting's flour and feed store; one, near the hotel stable, and two are on the east side of Maple street; one of them opposite the Town House and the other at the corner of Harvey A. Whiting's lawn. At the annual meeting of 1884, the town authorized the fire engineers to purchase one thousand feet of hose. In March, 1887, the town appropriated four hundred dollars for the expenses of the fire department for the coming year. From the organization of the fire department until 1882, the firemen had each been paid three dollars for a year's service; in 1882 the town voted to pay each fireman five dollars, and in 1888 the town voted to pay three dollars, for a year's service.

By the report of the engineers in 1886 it appears that the fire apparatus belonging to the town was ample and in good condition. The department had enlisted from eight to ninety men who were paid for their services. But some difficulties have occurred in regard to the amount of remuneration, and also a question has arisen as to the legality of certain measures adopted by the authorities. Without detailing all the facts of the case, or presuming to decide upon questions respecting which we have few data, we can only earnestly hope that after the sad experience of so many disastrous fires, the Wilton fire department will soon be equal in efficiency to the other institutions of the town.

The following men have served in the responsible and difficult office of fire engineers:

David Gregg, 1875; David Whiting, 1875–84; Peter H. Putnam, 1875; George S. Neville, 1875–76; George W. Boynton, 1875–81; George B. Preble, 1876; Joel Hesselton, 1876–81; Andrew J. Putnam, 1876; George W. Wallace, 1878–85; David E. Proctor, 1878–82; James L. Hardy, 1882–85; Charles Hesselton, 1882–85; Daniel Cragin, 1883–85; Artemas O. Barker, 1885; Samuel K. Foster, 1886; Abram A. Ramsey, 1886; George Wallace, 1886; Harvey A. Whiting, 1886; John Gage, 1887–88.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE LAST WAR WITH ENGLAND AND THE REBELLION.

The soldiers from Wilton in the war of 1812 were Lieut. Abiel Wilson, Jun., Privates Timothy McIntire, Oliver Wilkins and Aaron Wilkins. They served on the northern frontier; McIntire was slain in battle in 1814; Aaron Wilkins was out about two years, and the others served during the war. At the first call for troops to defend Portsmouth, in August, 1814, Aaron Wilkins, John Currier, Aaron Holden and Samuel Holt went from the South company of militia, and Abner Flint, James Wilson, Emery Foster, and Abner Shattuck from the North company. They were out about ten weeks. At the second call, Seth P. Tyler, Benjamin N. Fiske, Joel Severence and Timothy B. Abbot went from the South company, and Ensign Putnam Wilson, Eliab Tapley, Ambrose L. Farnum and Asa Fletcher from the North company. They were out about seven weeks. Foster died at Londonderry when on his way home. Those in the first call were in Captain Timothy Putnam's company of Colonel Fisk's regiment. Those in the last call were in Captain William Gregg's company of Colonel John Steele's regiment. The town gave to those in the first call a bounty of ten dollars each, and to those in the last a bounty of six dollars each.

THE WAR WITH MEXICO, 1845–1848.

It is not known that any soldiers from Wilton enlisted in this war. The popular impression in the eastern states that this war was waged in the interest of slavery prevented any general enthusiasm for it.

THE CIVIL WAR OF 1861–1865.

In this great conflict Wilton did its honorable part by contributing both men and money. The votes of the town were earnest and patriotic in maintaining the Union, while the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters at home bravely and faithfully did their part to

assist those in the field by sending them clothing, food, medicines and home comforts of every description, and by keeping up the home farms and households.

The town was generous in paying bounties, and the nation has since been munificent in giving pensions to those wounded, diseased or crippled by the war, and to their families. The sublime spectacle of a great nation rising at the emergency to maintain the Union and to destroy slavery is one of the greatest events in the history of the world, and cannot fail to have its moral and political effect upon all future generations of the American Republic.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN RELATING TO THE CIVIL WAR.

1862, Aug. 12. *Voted*, that the selectmen be instructed and authorized to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding five thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying bounties to all those who enlist into the service of the United States, under the present call for three years' troops, to fill the quota required of this town. And that the selectmen be instructed to pay to each volunteer who enlists into said service to fill the quota of this town under the call for three hundred thousand volunteers, and who is received as a part of the quota of Wilton, the sum of one hundred dollars, provided, however, that bounties shall not be paid to more than the number required to fill said quota.

1862, Sept. 20. *Voted*, that the selectmen are hereby authorized to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding three thousand dollars, to be appropriated by them in the following manner: each volunteer who enlists into the United States service for the term of nine months, and is accepted as a part of the quota of Wilton, under the last call, shall receive from the town eleven dollars and twenty-five cents per month under the act for the aid of families of volunteers and other purposes, and the selectmen are hereby authorized to pay the same in advance.

Voted, that the selectmen are hereby also authorized to pay each soldier's family the amount specified in the state laws for the aid of the families of volunteers, whether they are in indigent circumstances or not.

Voted, that the selectmen are hereby authorized to raise the number sufficient to fill up the remaining portion of this town's quota in any way they may deem proper, and to pay such sum, or sums, in addition to the bounty already voted as they shall deem advisable.

1862, Oct. 11. *Voted*, that the treasurer of the town of Wilton be authorized to hire a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars for the aid of wives, children or parents of any inhabitants of said town who, as members of the volunteer or enrolled militia of this state, have been mustered into, or enlisted into, the service of the United States, or may hereafter be enlisted in the service, to be appropriated agreeably to the provisions of Chapter 2480 of the laws of the state of New Hampshire, approved July 4th, 1861, and to bind the town for the repayment of the same.

1863, March 11. *Voted*, that the selectmen be instructed to pay all of the volunteer soldiers in the army for three years, who have, or shall receive, an honorable discharge, one hundred dollars and interest from the time of enlistment. Provided, if any of said volunteers have been paid any bounty by any town, said bounty is to be deducted from said one hundred dollars.

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to pay Mrs. Charles G. Blanchard the sum of eight dollars which is due her from the state aid that is due her for two months.

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to borrow a sum of money not exceeding three thousand dollars, if necessary, for extending state aid to families and paying soldiers' bounties.

1863, Aug. 10. *Voted*, to reaffirm the vote of the last annual meeting in relation to paying one hundred dollars and interest to three years' volunteers who have received no bounty, with the amendment of "from Wilton."

Voted, that the town pay every drafted man (or his substitute) who may be drafted under the present call, three hundred dollars, in accordance with an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1863.

1863, Dec. 1. *Voted*, that the selectmen of the town of Wilton are hereby authorized to advance in behalf of said town to each volunteer who has enlisted, or shall enlist, to fill the quota of said Wilton under the last call of the President, the amount due said volunteer from the state of New Hampshire and the United States (being $402, more or less), until such time as the same shall be refunded to said town by the state of New Hampshire and the United States.

Voted, that the selectmen are hereby also authorized to pay to each volunteer who has enlisted, or may enlist, to fill said quota under said last call of the President, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars in

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1863, Dec. 1. addition to said sum of four hundred and two dollars advanced by said town.

Voted, that the treasurer of said town of Wilton, with the advice and consent of the selectmen aforesaid, is hereby authorized to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be appropriated by the proper officers of the town in the payment of the aforesaid bounties, and the note of said treasurer, or of the selectmen, shall be binding upon the town for said amount, and the action of the selectmen in relation to filling said quota already taken is hereby ratified.

1864, March 8. *Voted*, that the selectmen be instructed to pay John P. Kidder, who enlisted into the heavy artillery at Portsmouth, one hundred dollars.

Voted, that the selectmen pay Orange S. Cook one hundred dollars, provided he has received no bounty from any town or state.

Voted, that the selectmen be authorized to pay Harvey T. H. Frye one hundred dollars, provided he has received no bounty from any other town or state.

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to pay John E. Tarbell, or his father, one hundred dollars, provided he has received no bounty from any other town or state, and further provided, he is counted as one of the Wilton quota.

Voted, that the selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum, not exceeding three thousand dollars, for soldiers' bounties and state aid to families. Chose Harvey A. Whiting to act as agent for the town to receive state aid and United States bounties, as they become due from time to time.

1864, June 15. *Voted*, that the selectmen be instructed to furnish volunteers or substitutes for the United States service as may be necessary to fill the quota of the town under any future call or draft; said volunteers or substitutes to be furnished at such time as the selectmen may in their judgment deem it most expedient for the town.

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, if necessary, to be appropriated in procuring volunteers or substitutes for drafted men to fill the quota of this town.

1864, Nov. 8. *Voted*, to pay to each citizen who has put a substitute into the army of the United States and who has been

1864, Nov. 8. counted towards the quota of the town under the various calls for troops, whether put in by a drafted man or voluntarily by such citizen, the several sums by each paid for procuring such substitute.

Voted, to continue to pay bounties to those who volunteer or furnish substitutes for the army of the United States.

1865, March 12. *Voted*, to pay John E. Tarbell one hundred dollars with interest from August 13, 1864.

1865, March 14. The seventh article of the warrant being: "To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay bounties and state aid to families in anticipation of future calls."

Voted, that article seven of the warrant be left discretionary with the selectmen, and that they be authorized to borrow such sum of money as they may deem necessary to pay bounties and state aid to families in anticipation of future calls.

Voted, to appoint Harvey A. Whiting as agent of the town to fill future quota and receive state aid and bounties.

Voted, to pay a bounty of $300 to each reënlisted man in the Fourth and Eighth Regiments who counted to fill the quota of Wilton, provided said man has been honorably discharged.

Voted, to pay state aid to families of those who enlisted from Wilton into the Lyndeborough La Fayette Artillery and served their time at Fort Constitution.

Whereas, the town of Wilton at the November election, 1864, voted to pay to each citizen who had put into the army of the United States a substitute who had counted towards the quota of said town, whether such substitute was furnished by a drafted man, or voluntarily on the part of such citizen; and whereas, the said amount has not been paid in accordance with said vote on account of the inability of the town to borrow the money, it is therefore

Voted, that the selectmen be and they are hereby instructed and authorized to give to each man who is entitled to receive anything from the town on account of furnishing a substitute, a note from said town for the full amount each citizen has paid for furnishing such substitute; said note to be dated April 1st, 1865, and to be payable one year from date with interest.

The following list gives the names of those residents of Wilton who served in the war of the Rebellion, as well as the names of

those, not residents of Wilton, who, as volunteers or substitutes, were credited to the Wilton quota; but the list does not include the names of those natives or residents of Wilton who may have enlisted in regiments belonging to other states.

WILTON MEN IN FIRST REGIMENT, NEW HAMPSHIRE VOLUNTEERS, COMPANY E.

James Bridges, May 2, 1861.* Mustered out Aug. 9, 1861.
William H. Bridges, May 2, 1861.

SECOND REGIMENT, COMPANY G.

Charles H. Bragg, June 5, 1861. Corporal by promotion; mustered out June 25, 1864.

George W. Currier, June 5, 1861. Discharged for disability Jan. 24, 1862; died of consumption March 2, 1862.

Timothy N. Hutchinson, June 5, 1861. Severely wounded at Gettysburg; mustered out June 21, 1864.

James W. Hutchinson, June 5, 1861. Mustered out June 21, 1864.

Charles B. Pinkham, June 5, 1861. Mustered out June 21, 1864.

William Pettengill, June 5, 1861. Discharged for disability Jan. 19, 1863.

William Dillon, Aug. 21, 1862. Deserted at Concord May 2, 1863; apprehended and returned to duty; wounded and missing July 2, 1863; discharged Sept. 6, 1864.

I. Newton Hutchinson, Aug. 21, 1862. Corporal by promotion July 1, 1864; sergeant Sept. 1, 1864; first sergeant March 18, 1865; mustered out June 9, 1865.

The following members of the Second Regiment were not residents of Wilton, but were volunteers or substitutes credited to the Wilton quota:

Frederick Grave, Nov. 19, 1863. Killed in action May 16, 1864.

Jens Jenson, Nov. 19, 1863. Died of disease at Ft. Monroe Dec. 14, 1864.

Joseph Racca, Nov. 19, 1863. Deserted Dec. 2, 1863.

Peter Smith, Nov. 19, 1863. Deserted March 11, 1864.

James W. Brown, Nov. 20, 1863. Deserted April 24, 1864.

Richard Harvey, Nov. 20, 1863. Deserted from hospital Feb. 9, 1865.

John Harris, Nov. 20, 1863. Dishonorably discharged by sentence of court martial.

John Jones, Nov. 20, 1863. Deserted Jan. 5, 1864.

John Moore, Nov. 20, 1863.

Thomas Stewart, Nov. 20, 1863. Mustered out Dec. 19, 1865.

Gustavus A. Weiland, Nov. 20, 1863. Transferred to U. S. Navy April 29, 1864.

Joseph Smith, Nov. 21, 1863. Deserted to the enemy at Chapin's farm, Va., Oct. 21, 1864.

George D. Graham, Nov. 21, 1863. Mustered out Dec. 19, 1865.

* The date immediately following each name is the time of mustering in.

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Charles Guest, Nov. 21, 1863. Deserted at Chapin's Bluff, Va., Oct. 23, 1864.
George Thompson, Nov. 21, 1863. Deserted at Point Lookout Nov. 30, 1864.

THIRD REGIMENT.

John E. Herrick, Aug. 23, 1861. Wounded slightly July 18, 1863; mustered out Aug. 23, 1864.
Gottfried Dorr, Dec. 10, 1864. Absent, sick, July 20, 1865; no discharge furnished.
Robert Day, Nov. 21, 1863. Wounded slightly May 13, 1864; mustered out July 20, 1865.

FOURTH REGIMENT, COMPANY D.

Walter R. Billings, Sept. 18, 1861. Reënlisted Feb. 17, 1864; corporal by promotion July 15, 1865; mustered out Aug. 23, 1865.
Daniel S. Millet, Sept. 18, 1861. Reënlisted Feb. 24, 1864; first sergeant by promotion; mustered out Aug. 23, 1865.
Robert McKissock, Sept. 18, 1861. Reënlisted Feb. 17, 1864; wounded July 30, 1864; died of wounds at Fort Monroe Oct. 14, 1864.
Samuel A. Putnam, Sept. 18, 1861. Discharged for disability Sept. 18, 1862.
Daniel Sullivan, Sept. 18, 1861. Reënlisted Feb. 14, 1864; sergeant by promotion July 1, 1865; mustered out Aug. 23, 1865.
Charles H. Buzzell, Aug. 21, 1861. Discharged for disability Nov. 30, 1863.
George Bailey, Aug. 21, 1861. Died of disease Sept. 8, 1863.
Thomas Carter, Aug. 21, 1861. Sergeant by promotion; mustered out June 15, 1865.
Charles B. Dascomb, Aug. 21, 1861. Mustered out Aug. 24, 1865.
Albert S. Flint, Aug. 21, 1861. Died of disease Aug. 8, 1863.
Edward A. Fessenden, Aug. 21, 1861. Slightly wounded Oct. 22, 1862; transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps Jan. 1, 1865.
Pirl Herrick, Aug. 21, 1861. Died of disease June 13, 1863.
Albert R. Hall, Aug. 21, 1861. Corporal by promotion; wounded Aug. 16, 1864; died of disease at Fort Monroe March 17, 1865.
Abiel E. Putnam, Aug. 21, 1861. Died on hospital boat on the James river Aug. 18, 1864.
Edward A. Wetherbee, Aug. 21, 1861. Discharged for disability March 24, 1863.
Charles M. Bowman, Aug. 22, 1862. Mustered out Sept. 25, 1865.
Jerome Putnam, Aug. 22, 1862. Not officially accounted for.
Dermott Neary, Dec. 31, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 23, 1865.

FIFTH REGIMENT, COMPANY I.

James Gould, Oct. 16, 1861. Corporal; deserted 1862.
William H. Bridges, Oct. 16, 1861. Died of disease July 6, 1862.
Charles G. Blanchard, Oct. 16, 1861. Discharged for disability Jan. 3, 1863.
Appleton Hutchinson, Oct. 16, 1861. Discharged for disability May 11, 1862.
Joseph Wetherbee, Oct. 16, 1861. Discharged for disability May 11, 1862.
Lucius A. Way, Oct. 16, 1861. Wounded; discharged for disability Oct. 9, 1862.

The following members of the Fifth Regiment were, as volunteers or substitutes, credited to the Wilton quota, but were not residents of Wilton:

James Connors, Aug. 10, 1864. Deserted to the enemy Dec. 1, 1864.

John Williams, Aug. 12, 1864. Wounded April 7, 1865; discharged at Concord June 28, 1865.

Joseph W. B. Burgess, Aug. 13, 1864. Died of disease Dec. 9, 1864.

John Branegan, Aug. 13, 1864. Corporal by promotion; deserted May 1, 1865.

William Clark, Aug. 19, 1864. Deserted en route to regiment.

Jacob Miller, Aug. 19, 1864. Deserted to the enemy Oct. 6, 1864.

John Rourcke, Aug. 19, 1864. Mustered out June 28, 1865.

William Goodwin, Aug. 29, 1864. Deserted en route to regiment.

David W. Welch, Sept. 3, 1864. Sergeant by promotion Oct. 23, 1864; reduced to the ranks; mustered out Aug. 17, 1865.

Gardner Chapman, Sept. 5, 1864. Mustered out June 12, 1865.

EIGHTH REGIMENT, COMPANY B.

George W. Bridges, Dec. 30, 1861. Corporal; sergeant by promotion March 20, 1863; wounded at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863; discharged to accept appointment in United States Colored Troops Sept. 25, 1863.

John Burton, Dec. 30, 1861. Reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864; captured at Sabine Cross Roads, La., April 8, 1864; released; transferred to Co. B, Veteran Battalion, Eighth N. H. V., Jan. 1, 1865.

Charles A. Emerson, Dec. 30, 1861. Wounded and captured at Port Hudson June 14, 1863; recaptured July 9, 1863; corporal by promotion Aug. 1, 1863; sergeant Dec. 16, 1863; mustered out Jan. 18, 1865.

Sanford N. Bradford, Dec. 30, 1861. Discharged for disability at New Orleans May 2, 1863.

John S. Hutchinson, Dec. 30, 1861. Reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864; transferred to Co. B, Veteran Battalion, Eighth N. H. V., Jan. 1, 1865; mustered out Oct. 28, 1865.

John Riney, Dec. 30, 1861. Discharged to accept appointment in United States Colored Troops at New Orleans, La., March 2, 1864.

Otis H. Melendy, Dec. 30, 1861. Reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864; captured at Sabine Cross Roads, La., April 8, 1864; released; transferred to Co. B, Veteran Battalion, Eighth N. H. V., Jan. 1, 1865.

Abiel A. Livermore, Dec. 30, 1861. Corporal by promotion March 20, 1863; wounded and captured at Port Hudson June 14, 1863; died of diphtheria in the hands of the enemy July 3, 1863.

Aaron A. Smith, Dec. 30, 1861. Died at Thibodeaux, La., Dec. 21, 1862.

James Bridges, Sept. 26, 1862. Wounded May 27, 1863; corporal by promotion Aug. 1, 1863; sergeant, Dec. 16, 1863; transferred to Veteran Battalion, Co. B, Eighth N. H. V., Jan. 1, 1865; discharged at Natchez June 7, 1865.

George W. Herrick, Aug. 12, 1864. Transferred to Co. B, Veteran Battalion, Eighth N. H. V., Jan. 1, 1865; discharged for disability at Natchez Sept. 8, 1865.

George S. Buss, Feb. 17, 1865. Mustered out May 6, 1865.
Henry L. Emerson, Feb. 17, 1865. Mustered out May 6, 1865.

The following members of the Eighth Regiment were not residents of Wilton but were credited to the Wilton quota:

Charles Schutz, Sept. 2, 1863. Deserted at Franklin, La., Dec. 16, 1863.
John H. Wright, Sept. 2, 1863. Deserted at New Orleans Feb. 6, 1864.
James Sullivan, Oct. 6, 1863. Deserted at New Orleans Feb. 28, 1864.
William Tilley, Oct. 9, 1863. Transferred to Co. B, Veteran Battalion, Eighth N. H. V., Jan. 1, 1865; dishonorably discharged by special order No. 5, War Department, June 5, 1865.

NINTH REGIMENT, COMPANY E.

Henry O. Sargent, May 15, 1862. First sergeant; second lieutenant by promotion March 10, 1863; resigned Dec. 22, 1863.
Rodney Perham, May 16, 1862. Wounded May 12, 1864; mustered out May 15, 1865.

ELEVENTH REGIMENT, COMPANY C.

Albert Gage, Aug. 21, 1862. Killed in action at Bethesda Church June 3, 1864.

SIXTEENTH REGIMENT, COMPANY C.

Aaron A. Clark, Nov. 4, 1862. Captain; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Lewis P. Ray, Oct. 18, 1862. First sergeant; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Willis H. Abbott, Oct. 18, 1862. Corporal; sergeant by promotion; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Amos W. Abbott, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Charles Blanchard, Oct. 18, 1862. Corporal; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863; died Sept. 20, 1863.
William M. Blanchard, Oct. 28, 1862. Died Sept. 2, 1863.
John Blanchard, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
George Blanchard, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Ramsey C. Boutwell, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Francis V. Bradford, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
James R. Dascomb, Oct. 18, 1862. Corporal by promotion; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Dexter J. Farley, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Elbridge C. Frye, Oct. 27, 1862. Died July 16, 1863.
Sylvanus Hutchinson, Oct. 18, 1862. Discharged June 25, 1863.
Amos Herrick, Oct. 18, 1862. Died June 17, 1863.
Orvan B. Keyes, Oct. 18, 1862. Died Aug. 10, 1863.
Corydon L. Keyes, Oct. 18, 1862. Died June 27, 1863.
James Landers, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
S. Abbot Putnam, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
Stillman C. White, Oct. 18, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.
George B. Wright, Oct. 18, 1862. Died Aug. 2, 1863.

FIRST HEAVY ARTILLERY, N. H. VOLUNTEERS.

John P. Kidder, July 18, 1863. Mustered out Sept. 1, 1865.

The following residents of Wilton served in the La Fayette Artillery, on garrison duty at Portsmouth. They were mustered into service August 1, 1864, for ninety days, and were discharged after fifty-three days' service:

Band: Carl Krebbs, Mark H. Bailey, Willis H. Abbot, Nathan Barker, George W. Duncklee, Irvin S. Farnsworth, Isaac B. Hutchinson, Abner W. Marble, John R. Sheldon, Stillman C. White.

Privates: William A. Bailey, Charles H. Bailey, Charles L. Hutchinson, Ebenezer Miller, William H. Tenney.

CHAPTER XXIV.

SOCIAL AMUSEMENTS, FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS.

With all the gravity and sternness of the New England Puritan there was always mingled no little of dry wit, and a social, festive spirit. He had his joke, and too often also his pipe and his mug. The huskings, the raisings, the wood-haulings and bees, the quiltings, the weddings, the balls, the sleigh-rides, the wrestling and hunting matches, the trainings and musters testify to the hilarious side of the pioneer character. Many of these are now known only in tradition. New customs have sprung up in place of the old ones. "New wine has been put into new bottles." The old-fashioned sleigh-ride, when a large part of the inhabitants took a fine winter day to make an excursion to a neighboring town, to take dinner, perhaps to have a dance and to return home in the evening by moonlight, is among the things that were. If they go to merry-makings now it is by railroad. Balls and weddings are permanent institutions. Of old there were no festivals like our modern Sunday school excursions, and the picnic was not known to the fathers. Bees, quiltings, huskings and raisings, and other neighborhood gatherings are, for the most part, done with. Wood-haulings for the parson or for a decayed brother are superseded by donation and surprise parties. The "Willing Workers" and the "Cheerful Workers," the benevolent "sewing circles" and the "sociables" of the churches have stepped in to occupy the place once filled by more boisterous entertainments.

Children have more festivities than of old and go earlier into society. Lodges, granges, societies, excursions are multiplying on every hand. The passion for resorting to cities, and for giving up the farm for the shop, the exchange, the bank and the professions, is due chiefly to two things; namely, the desire to make money

faster than the country farming or mechanic life will allow, and the eagerness to have more social life. These are the sirens that bewitch our day. Besides, as communities have grown larger, they have split up into cliques and coteries, and the old hearty neighborliness has been exchanged for fashion and gilt-edged snobbery. Wealth, not manhood or high character, is the open sesame to genteel society, so reputed. The farmer's frock, the mechanic's apron or the house-wife's home-spun dress has no more any beauty that man or woman should desire it. Service is still a long way behind show, as a key to open the chief places at feasts and the high seats in the synagogues.

But if society has grown more exclusive, it has, strange paradox, grown more philanthropic. The humanities and amenities flourish apace. A world of good is done to the less fortunate of our race. If men and women have hardened into greater selfishness and exclusiveness on one side of their nature, they have softened into wider sympathy and helpfulness on the other side. Never probably did wealth feel its responsibility more to society, or distribute its means with a more generous hand, than now, be it to schools, colleges, libraries, churches, missions, philanthropies, hospitals, asylums, or to the humbler and more private charities of society.

A SLEIGH-RIDE PARTY.

As good a specimen of the ancient sleigh-ride as could be selected is that which escorted Rev. Thomas Beede and his bride on their wedding trip from Harvard to Wilton. He was married to Miss Nancy Kimball of Harvard, Massachusetts, January 20, 1805. The Farmers' Cabinet of Amherst gives the following account:

> On the following day, when Mr. Beede was returning with his lady to Wilton, he was politely accompanied by ten sleighs from Harvard. On their arrival at Hollis they were met by eight sleighs from Wilton. Having refreshed, both parties joined in escorting Mr. Beede and lady to Adams's in Amherst, where they were met by a large collection of gentlemen and ladies from Wilton in readiness to receive them. An elegant dinner was prepared by Mr. Adams, and the whole company dined together. Soon after dinner the company from Harvard returned, and the ladies and gentlemen from Wilton accompanied Mr. Beede and lady to his house, where all needed refreshment was prepared, and having tarried about an hour, the whole company returned to their respective homes. It should be particularly noticed that the company from Wilton generously defrayed the whole expenses of the entertainment, both on the road and at Mr. Beede's own house. The fine weather and the excellent sleighing added brilliancy and joy to the festive scene.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

The following account of a Fourth of July celebration during President Monroe's administration, in 1817, is taken from the Farmers' Cabinet:

The anniversary of American Independence was celebrated in Wilton on the 4th inst. No previous arrangements having been made, a company of gentlemen in that town and from the adjoining ones assembled for the purpose of doing honor to the day which gave birth to a nation's freedom and independence to these United States. After having read the Declaration of Independence, Major A. Wilson was chosen toastmaster, who, after having made a short, but pertinent, address, produced the following toasts, in which all parties appeared to participate:

TOASTS.

1. *The Day We Celebrate:* May it be handed down from father to son to the latest posterity.
2. *James Monroe:*

> "Columbia's guide, with upright skill refined,
> To check the rage, and cure the public mind;
> The north he visits in the common cause,
> That he may guard their rights with equal laws."

3. *James Monroe:* O ye immortal powers, that guard the just, watch over him in retirement; soften his repose; in fond remembrance cherish his virtues, and show mankind that goodness is your care.
4. *New Hampshire:* Like her own native mountains, though storms and tempests have thundered on her brow, faction lies prostrate at her feet; she stands unmoved and glories in her height.
5. *William Plumer:* Discord and her advocates may attempt to subvert, he has the power to save and the constancy to preserve.
6. *Our Union:* May it be perpetuated till the moon shall cease to give her light, and the bright sun himself be extinguished; yea, till the globe shall be annihilated, and, like the meteor's transitory gleam, be lost in chaotic darkness.
7. *The Soldier of '76:* Remember this anniversary was purchased as it were with the price of his blood; then let us cherish his age, supply his wants, and follow his example in loving his country.
8. *The Star-Spangled Banner:* Before the stars and stripes shall ever cease to wave, land must turn to sea, and sea into a grave.
9. *The Patriots of South America:* May they be reënforced by the God of armies, that the republic in the north may greet her sister in the south.

VOLUNTEER TOASTS.

By A. Wilson, Esq.: The President of the United States; the profound statesman; we delight to honor great and good men; may his tour through the Union have a happy influence on the people.

By Lieut. John Stevens: The Government of the United States; firm as Atlas when storms and tempests thunder on its brow, and oceans break their billows at its feet.

By Capt. Benjamin Hutchinson of Milford: The Militia; may they in time of peace prepare for war.

By Deacon Jacob Putnam: May the partition between Federalists and Republicans be thrown down and all unite like brethren.

By Mr. Oliver Whiting: The revered clergy; may they cease to preach politics, and know nothing among their people save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

By Capt. P. Whitney: The people of Wilton; may that noble spirit of peace, unanimity and independence which shines so conspicuous in their character be as permanent and lasting as it is pure and honorable.

By Mr. Israel Herrick: The fair daughters of Columbia; being the weaker vessels, may they be "united to a man," whereby they may be protected.

A well served field piece and a band of music resounded the sentiments of freemen to the distant hills, which were by them echoed back to the convivial multitude, who at an early hour retired to their several homes in harmony and friendship.

SILVER AND GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

Repeated festivals of this kind have occurred of late years, and have introduced a new and a very happy feature of domestic and social life. The silver wedding of the Hon. Charles H. Burns and wife was celebrated January 19, 1881. A large number of invitations were sent out, and a great host of friends and neighbors responded to the call. Many eminent persons were present from abroad, including the governor of the state, Nathaniel Head and wife. Many costly and beautiful gifts were bestowed on the honored couple, and music, dancing and speeches made a lively and enjoyable evening. The only pall upon the festive occasion was the breaking out of a disastrous fire a few hours later the same night, which laid a large part of the business section of the village in ashes, destroyed Masonic Hall, the Public Library, stores, shops, offices and dwellings to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, more or less, of total loss. The cause of the fire has never been discovered.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

At the March meeting of the town in 1839, it was voted to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Wilton, and a committee was chosen to make arrangements for that occasion. Active measures were taken during the spring and summer to collect materials of history, to appoint an

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orator for the day, to invite guests from abroad and those natives of the town who had removed elsewhere to join in the festival, and, in short, to make all the needed preparations. The day appointed was September 25. The several sub-committees, appointed under the authority of the general committee to erect a pavilion, provide a dinner, prepare toasts, appoint speakers, and procure music, attended faithfully to their duty.

The officers of the day were, President, Ezra Abbot; Vice Presidents, Abram Whittemore, Jonathan Livermore, Jonathan Burton, Timothy Parkhurst, Timothy Abbot, Daniel Batchelder and Oliver Whiting; Chief Marshal, Jonathan Parkhurst; Assistant Marshals, Samuel King, David Wilson, Hermon Pettengill, Calvin Gray, Oliver Barrett and Moses Spalding; Toastmasters, Eliphalet Putnam and Zebadiah Abbot.

The day was bright and auspicious. A large multitude of the townsmen, and visitors from abroad, near and far, gathered together. The Miller Guards, under command of Colonel Samuel King, did escort duty, conducting the procession from the Brick Hall to the old meeting-house at the Centre. The programme of exercises was as follows:

Voluntary, by the band; invocation, by Rev. Abiel Abbot, D. D., of Peterborough; anthem, "Great is the Lord," &c., sung by the choir; selections from the Scriptures, by Rev. Warren Burton; "The Nativity," sung by the choir; prayer, by Rev. Abiel A. Livermore of Keene; "Marseilles Hymn," sung by the choir; address, by Rev. Ephraim Peabody of New Bedford; an original hymn, sung by the choir and the assembly; prayer, by Rev. Samuel Barrett of Boston; grand "Hallelujah Chorus," sung by the choir; benediction, by Rev. Nathaniel Whitman of Wilton. The music was under the charge of Mr. Charles Abbot. Original hymns were contributed by Rev. Lubim B. Rockwood and Miss Sarah W. Livermore.

At the close of the exercises in the church, ladies and gentlemen formed a procession to the pavilion on the common, where Rev. William Richardson of Wilton invoked the Divine blessing, and about five hundred persons partook of a dinner provided by Mr. Joseph Newell. The company rose from the table at the prospect of rain, and, after the return of thanks by Rev. A. D. Jones of Brighton, the procession marched back to the church. Here the afternoon was spent in toasts, speeches and songs, all of which, together with the eloquent address of Dr. Peabody, incidents of the history of the town, and other items of interest, are recorded in the Centennial pamphlet, published at the time.

It is to be hoped that in 1889 the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the town will be celebrated as spiritedly and patriotically as the former festival.

CHAPTER XXV.

TOWN HOUSES.

As already seen, the original Town House was the old meeting-house of the Congregational church. Both civil and religious affairs were transacted under the same roof. The moderator of the town meeting and the town clerk occupied the deacons' seat directly under the lofty pulpit; the voters filled the pews, and the spectators the galleries. But the burning of the meeting-house in 1859 led to the building next year of the Town Hall, situated on the common at the Centre just south of the site of the old church.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN.

At a legal meeting held in the Baptist church on Monday, December 26, 1859, chose Jonathan Livermore moderator.

Voted, to hear the report of the committee chosen to investigate the cause of the fire occasioning the destruction of the town's meeting-house.

Voted, to accept and adopt the report of said committee, and that the town clerk be instructed to enter said report on the records of the town.

Voted, that five hundred copies of said report be printed at the expense of the town.

Voted, that the chairman of the investigating committee cause to be printed and distributed to the inhabitants of Wilton five hundred copies of said report.

Voted, that the question of building a Town House be taken by ballot. Proceeded to ballot, and voted to build a Town House on the site of the old meeting-house.

Voted, that a committee of three be appointed to carry into effect the last vote.

Voted, that a committee of five be appointed by the moderator to nominate said committee. Benjamin Baker, Benjamin T. Foster, Joel Hesselton, Samuel Shelden and Henry Gray, Jun., were appointed a committee to nominate, who reported to the meeting William Emerson, Joel Hesselton and Henry Gray, Jun., for said building committee. Chose William Emerson, Joel Hesselton and Henry Gray, Jun., a committee to build a Town House.

Voted, the committee be authorized to expend a sum of money not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

At a legal meeting holden at the Baptist meeting-house in Wilton January 21, 1860, Jonathan Livermore was chosen moderator.

Voted, that we now proceed to ballot on the second article by votes marked *Yes* or *No*. All those in favor of building now upon the old site recently occupied by the town's meeting-house will carry votes marked *yes*, and all opposed to that will carry votes marked *no*. On this question a ballot was taken with the following result: *Yeas*, 169; *Noes*, 144. So the town voted to build a Town House upon the old site recently occupied by the town's meeting-house.

At the annual town meeting holden at Wilton on Tuesday, March 13, 1860, Jonathan Livermore, moderator,

Voted, to recast the bell and add the amount of weight lost, and to place the bell on the new Town House.

Voted, to lease to the Congregational society a site on the town's common for the purpose of building a church, and that a committee be appointed to locate said site. Chose Lewis Howard, Joseph Burtt and Zebadiah Abbot a committee to locate a site for a church, and also a site for a Town House. Chose Lewis Howard a committee to execute, in behalf of the town, a lease to the Congregational society of the site designated.

At the annual meeting of the town held on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, 1866, on the question: To see if the town will vote to remove the Town House to the East village this present season, it was voted that the vote on the removal of the Town House be written on the state ticket, *Yes* and *No*, and at the close of the poll the moderator declared the vote as follows: in favor of removing, 161 votes; against removing, 179 votes.

At the annual town meeting on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, 1868, Samuel Barrett, moderator,

Voted, that the selectmen be authorized to sell the Town House with the land owned by the town. In favor of selling, 249 votes; against, 180 votes.

At the annual town meeting held at Depot Hall in Wilton March 9, 1869, Samuel Barrett, moderator, on the question: To see if the town will vote to hereafter hold all town meetings at the hall near the centre of the town, it was decided by a *yes* and *no* vote; the whole number of votes in favor of holding the meetings at the centre of the town was 106; in favor of continuing in Depot Hall was 186.

The town meetings were afterwards held at Depot Hall until the new Town House was built.

At the annual town meeting held March 13, 1883, George O. Whiting was chosen moderator. The ninth article of the warrant had been: "To see if the town will vote to build a Town House upon the 'Whiting House lot,' so called, or take any action relative thereto." At the town meeting the following resolution, presented by Hon. Charles H. Burns,

was voted on by ballot and was adopted by the following vote: whole number voting *no*, 142; whole number voting *yes*, 166:

"That the agents or committee, which may be chosen under the eleventh article of this warrant, shall be and are authorized to contract with reliable and responsible parties for the building of a Town House upon the 'Whiting House lot,' so called, in said Wilton, for the convenient transaction of the public business of the town, and upon a plan substantially like the one submitted to the meeting, and with such details as said agents or committee may determine, provided and upon the express conditions,—First, that the Messrs. Whiting shall make and deliver to said town forthwith a good and sufficient deed of warranty of the whole of said Whiting House lot, free of all cost or expense to said town and without any condition, except that a Town House suitable for town purposes, and at a cost of not less than twelve thousand dollars, shall be erected and maintained upon said lot; and Second, that the sums agreed to be paid shall not in the whole exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for said Town House complete. The selectmen, after notice in writing from the building agents, that they have made a binding contract with reliable and responsible parties for the building of such Town House complete, for a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole fifteen thousand dollars, shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to hire such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary, not exceeding, with the sum which may be raised under the tenth article of this warrant, said sum of fifteen thousand dollars; and said selectmen are hereby authorized and empowered and directed to issue bonds for said amount, with coupons for interest payable semi-annually at the rate of four per cent., which said bonds shall be payable at the office of the treasurer of said town, at such times as shall distribute the amount to become due annually equally through fourteen years."

Voted, that if the selectmen shall so determine, instead of issuing said bonds, they may hire the aforesaid sums of money upon the credit of the town, and upon the same terms as aforesaid, and give the note of the town with the same rate of interest of four per cent.

On article tenth it was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby raised and appropriated towards the building of said Town House, to be expended by the agents referred to in the vote under the foregoing ninth article of the warrant, upon the conditions and with the limitations of the use of the same expessed in said vote.

On the eleventh article of the warrant it was voted that David Whiting, Frank M. Pevey and James L. Hardy are hereby chosen building agents, with the authority expressed and the limitations in the vote under the ninth article of the warrant.

At the town meeting held November 4, 1884, a report of the building committee being called for, Dr. F. M. Pevey of said committee made a statement of the progress made on the Town House, and of the amount of money received and expended for the same, to wit:

"The architects were Merrill & Cutler of Lowell, Massachusetts. The contractors were James L. Hardy for wood and iron work, and Charles Hesselton for stone and brick work. The amount of J. L. Hardy's

contract was $9,813; the amount of Charles Hesselton's contract was $8,279.93; total, $18,092.93. After the contracts were fulfilled the hall was fitted up with steam apparatus for heating at an expense to the town of about $700. Gas apparatus for lighting was furnished by the town, costing about $400. All the gas fixtures in the building were furnished and donated to the town by the several sons of H. A. Whiting. The supper room was finished with the proceeds of the dedication festival, amounting to $500. The stained glass windows were donated by several ladies of Wilton. The inside blinds were furnished by Hon. J. H. Spalding of Nashua, Mrs. D. Whiting of Wilton, Mrs. Geo. Newell of Boston and Mrs. Geo. O. Whiting of Lexington. The desk for the stage was donated by Hon. Charles H. Burns of Wilton; the clock for inside of hall, by Dr. J. Fleeman; the stone steps at the end of the building, by citizens. The engine and selectmen's rooms were finished by the town, estimated expense $400. The table and chairs for selectmen's room were given by Mr. Geo. I. Doe; the town clock, by Dr. F. M. Pevey. The amount of the several donations exceeds $2,500."

On motion of C. H. Burns, voted to accept the following offer made the town by the Messrs. Whiting, and to appropriate five hundred dollars for the same:

"The sons of Harvey A. Whiting offer to pipe the whole building for gas, so far as it can be piped as it now stands, and to furnish with fixtures that part of the building that is finished, on condition that the town furnish and set up the gas machine and its appurtenances and maintain the whole lighting apparatus."

Also voted that the building committee be authorized and empowered to carry out the above vote.

On motion of Rev. A. E. Tracy, voted that the timely and valuable present of a town clock given by Dr. F. M. Pevey be accepted with thanks. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, that the committee of three be charged with the duty of investigating the subject of heating apparatus for the town hall and be empowered to buy and put in such apparatus as upon investigation they shall think best; also, resolved, that said committee be charged with the subject of furnishing, and be empowered to buy and put in suitable furniture.

DEDICATION SERVICES.

On January 1, 1885, the new Town House was dedicated with appropriate exercises, an eloquent address was delivered by Isaac Spalding Whiting, Esq., and the entertainment and festivities of the occasion were participated in by a large number of the people of Wilton and the neighboring towns. We quote the following admirable advice from this address, which points the way to what we may yet do to make our town still more beautiful, patriotic and flourishing:

If, now, our fathers' time was the time of pioneer work, and if theirs

was the period of the struggle for existence, it would seem that it was our duty to advance upon their state and create her some of the products of a later and more civilized time. With the completion of the rough work, and increase of property, we must have time and strength left free from bread-earning, for cultivation of self, and improvement and adornment of the town. I know I trench here upon doubtful ground. I know, too, that what was true in the forty's and fifty's is not true today. At that time, with a constant and growing market in New England, which could be supplied with agricultural products only *from* New England, our prospects were bright for increase of population and of wealth, and the things they bring. But the Texan steer stalked suddenly out of the mist, and our tended and housed cattle could not stand up against him. The railroads stretched their arms into the West, and brought back grain from lands, the richness of which was fabulous to the rock-born New England farmer. The application of steam to machinery stole away from us the advantage we had in our thousands of streams, even before we had ourselves wantonly destroyed them by cutting off the forest that fed them. Moreover, the rapid development of the resources of the country called away to the cities a class of men whose great works there are but cold comfort to the towns who have lost their help. I believe the New England farmer of thirty or forty years ago is dead without successor. I conceive him to have been a man of liberal mind, of acute interest in public affairs, who worked half a day in the field, and the other half in law, religion, politics or business; who gave himself time for social works, and for the observation of the world's doings. But the need of lawyers, doctors and merchants soon called for the whole time of all that had any ability for those things. Although, perhaps, the present farmers are better tillers of the soil than their fathers, yet the diverse abilities and interests of the older men would have made themselves felt in the villages in one social or business attraction or another, while the leisure and simplicity of the times must have thrown a charm about the farms that modern conditions have dissipated. Our own times have imposed limitations upon us that we must abide by. If we say that the great amount of knowledge in all departments, combined with fierce competition, has compelled him who would succeed to devote his whole soul to his one business, we only utter a platitude; but in those days it probably was not true, certainly not stale. I suspect that while those men of the old time farmed, they were but half farmers and half something else. We of today have learned the lesson of the times, and we content ourselves with the best results that nature and our conditions permit. From these causes: loss of men, opening of richer lands, progress in arts and science, the New England towns have been checked in their advance. We have not to show what we might have been expected to show in my father's early life. The things that wealth would bring, the things that a large population and diverse business would bring, are not ours. Moreover, in my own time, we have been called off from our regular work to repair the frightful ravages of flood and fire.

But our resources and benefits are yet great and secure. The railroad has been our friend as well as our enemy. Though it has wrested from us our old business, it has yet developed a new kind, which would have been impossible without it. The giant lines that stretch into the West and South contribute to our support no less than our own short strip. Our soil, though barren, must yield a competence in the production of those perishable articles that will not bear days and weeks of transportation from the richer lands. And in the moral realm, the possession of the New England towns, are things that will hold the body of her people to her, against all the attractions of the world. There still live here, as of old, pride in home and town, self-respect, disposition to improve, thrift and conservatism. We possess the indissoluble power that home and tradition exert. The pleasures of friendship, and the thousand small joys and benefits of an established community, are ours beyond the possibility of loss.

And if we would hold our own and advance, these affections and longings point out the way. If there exists a great natural attraction in the soil of the West, we must create artificial ones here. So far as the West appeals to the love of gain, we must appeal to the love of home and society. We must throw out into contrast the manners and conservatism of the East and the radicalism and roughness of the West. If the South allures us, we must be made to compare carefully its squalid and slovenly villages with our neatness and kemptness. The invisible chains that link to home must be made so abundant and so strong that they cannot be broken.

Such a purpose would seize upon all the improvements of the age that were indicated by our conditions. Think for a moment where the town would be today if there had not been enterprise enough here to build the railroad. There would be no village where we now stand, and little, if any, manufacturing. With a diminishing farming population, and no other industry to take the place of farming, the current of progress would have left us stranded high and dry, feeble in numbers, and of no diversity in sentiment and judgment. The moral influence of the railroad will be recognized by every man who but compares his own town with those lying near, who from any reason, good or bad, did not seize upon the opportunity at the time of its building to lift themselves into the atmosphere of the new life.

If I were to name some of the things that have occurred to me that belong to our time to do, the first would be the building of a library. We want histories to teach us of former experiments in government, and of the rise and fall of parties; we want novels to take us out of our work-a-day life, and to put us into the life of other classes; we want to learn that human nature is the same in palace and cottage; and we want poetry for our darker moments, and to instruct the imagination with fancies we could never dream of alone. But it is a waste of time to speak of our want of books. Our former possession has created a desire that our misfortunes have left unsatisfied. We are all of one mind. The

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appropriate word of today is patience till we complete the shell, and till our pocketbooks are replenished.

Another thing we might do is the shading of our roads. I speak not of the limits of the village, where the private enterprise of each individual has adorned his immediate premises with all the public spirit that could be desired; I refer to the roads that stretch out all through the town. To obtain a fair result we need only to instruct our road agents to cut out with care the small stuff that grows beside the road, and to leave standing at proper intervals such trees as will develop into throwers of shade in the summer and into wind-breaks in winter. Somebody has set us an example of this care just above Mr. Daniel Cragin's. But to accomplish the best result we must build up such a public spirit that the abutters will leave not only such young trees, but half and full-grown trees, when they cut their forests. With generosity among the owners, and recognition of it among the travellers, we might, in a dozen or twenty years, have a substantial attraction and comfort to ourselves and strangers, and a notice to travellers the moment they crossed the town line that they were within a progressive town.

Of this kind of work is this building. It belongs to the time of improvement; of striving for ideal things. As a matter of dollars and cents we had better have endured the old hall. Though useful and comfortable, we had gotten along without it. Its function is as much that of a model and exemplar as a doer. Its beauty and simplicity are ever-present standards by which to judge of our efforts in all our doings. We are among the last of the towns in the neighborhood to build a town house. They have stimulated us to put our best foot forward; we believe they can not be ashamed of our achievement. As the ancient bell-towers of Italy were placed at easy intervals, so that the whole people might be warned to be up and doing for the common safety, so the towns of New England have erected town houses to be ever-present warnings to every man that, in her system, his duties are never done. We should not like to be behind in that work. We should not like to see broken at our doors the continuity of the New England custom.

It is the product of our best enterprise and of our most advanced public spirit. Born in a gift, that gift has provoked other gifts, and so on, till everybody has brought his contribution of material or service for the ornamentation of our common building. It has lifted us into heights of generosity that we never dared to believe we could climb. It has strengthened us with the strength that comes to a people inspired with a common thought, and working for a common ideal end. In the middle ages the people were so filled with religious zeal that they left all else to carry stones and mortar for the erection of those great churches and cathedrals that we go so far to see. In the beautiful language of an old writer, "it was as if the earth, rousing itself and casting away its old robes, clothed itself with the white garment of churches." Our clearer ideas of religion stand in the way of such enthralling devotion, and the multitude of creeds divides our allegiance, but we all vie in devotion to

one common state, we recognize one common sovereignty, and we all lay our hands to the upbuilding of her visible representative.

Who knows but that the church may once more unite the town in a common sentiment. When Orthodox and Unitarians shall each have learned something from the other, and when two attenuated societies have approached nearer the vanishing point, perhaps they will come together again to hear the great principles of Christianity which they both believe in. Perhaps, too, when they shall have become tired of heating and painting two barn-like churches, they will gather again into the town hall and marry once more the long-divorced church and state.

It is in such things as this building and in moral improvements that our way lies open. To build in the best way, even to fastidiousness, what new things we build, to improve the old, to attract to this town all that would come to the country to live, to supplement the natural scenery with intelligent and agreeable men and women, are our task. And if we would keep our capital of youth and money at home, it must be, beyond all question, by such means as these. It has been said that it is our duty to send them out; that the most glorious product of any soil is its men. It may be the patriot's duty to plant the New England heart and brain through all parts of our common country, but we must be parental before we are patriotic. If they will but be satisfied with a competence from our barren hills, we will give them the advantages of home and society. But if they must make money, our prayers shall follow them to their western isolation, and we will consent to be patriotic if they will but build up, bit by bit, a new New England village.

CHAPTER XXVI.

STORES, TRADE AND THE MILK BUSINESS.

In the early history of the town the necessaries of life, and the luxuries, what few were indulged in, were procured directly from the lower country towns; from "down below," as the familiar phrase was. The home custom was too small to support grocers alone or dry goods merchants alone. In the winter, particularly, the farmer filled his sleigh with butter, cheese, beef, pork, grain, beans, &c., and journeyed to Boston, Salem, Marblehead or Newburyport, as the case might be, and bartered away his farm products for groceries and goods for family use during the coming year. The roads leading from Vermont and New Hampshire to the seaport towns were lined in the winter with long processions of these loaded teams on the way to market. At night they rendezvoused at the country taverns along the route, and a merry time they had of it around the roaring bar-room fire, what with a stiff mug of flip or toddy, and a story or jest to suit the hilarious company. They returned with ample stores for the family of tea, coffee, sugar, rum, molasses, spices, codfish, &c.

But the time came when the increase of population required traders nearer home, and that old curiosity shop, the country store, came upon the stage. Some of the earlier storekeepers, as they were called, were Jacob Abbot, in the middle of the town; Nathaniel Sawyer, on what are now the premises of Henry Gray; Richard T. Buss, Nehemiah Hayward, Nathan Livermore, Haskell & Whitney, Harvey Barnes, Stephen Abbot and Newell & Hopkins at the Centre. The store of that period was a combination of grocery, dry goods, hardware, wholesale and retail saloon, post office, book store and news room. The bar was well patronized. Treating was a general custom, and the counter was seldom dry. Ample hogsheads of Santa Cruz, Jamaica and New England rum testified to a brisk

trade. The farmers brought their home products to the store and bartered them for the merchant's goods. Here they retailed the news of the day, and came for their weekly papers. Notices of sales, auctions, estrays and advertisements were posted on the walls. It was the rendezvous of business men. Here caucuses were held, and politics were discussed. Lodges and societies held their meetings in the store hall above, and, in the winter, singing schools, dancing schools and balls gathered the young people together. A quite universal institution was the old country store, and some feeble likeness of it may still linger here and there in the back settlements. But with the modern division of labor and trade, the introduction of railroads, telegraph offices, public libraries and reading rooms, town halls and post offices, its glory has passed away, and has been distributed in a dozen different directions.

In 1871 this was the list of stores and business men as recorded in the New Hampshire Register of that year:

Express Agents: L. Giddings, H. D. Epps, I. A. Parker.

Dentists: F. M. Peavey, E. Wood.

Merchants: Wm. J. Bradbury, books and stationery; Geo. W. Wallace, clothing; Alfred E. Jaques, Samuel N. Center, dry goods and groceries; D. B. Needham, dry goods; Frank P. Kent, Dillon & Keyes, D. Gregg & Co., F. S. Hutchinson, groceries; Dillon & Keyes, D. Gregg & Co., flour, grain and hardware; Henry Trevitt, A. P. Fitch, drugs and medicines; Miss B. P. Hall, millinery.

Manufacturers: Jones & Dascomb, A. A. Clark, Hutchinson & Macabe, N. Flint, boots and shoes; Wilton Co., Newell Co., carpet yarn; Putnam & Cochran, furniture; A. J. Putnam & Co., leather; D. Whiting & Sons, Levi Putnam, lumber; D. Gregg, sash and blinds; N. D. Foster & Co., tin ware; Daniel Cragin, wooden ware and toys; H. W. Hopkins, writing desks and fancy boxes.

Hotels: Whiting House, D. Whiting & Sons; Railroad House, John F. Goss.

Livery Stables: Jos. Langdell, L. H. Blood.

In 1887 the list of stores and of business men, with the exception of manufacturers previously given in Chapter XVI, reads as follows:

The Wilton Savings Bank: Josiah Fleeman, president; Moses Clark, treasurer.

Merchants: L. W. Perkins, George W. Wallace, clothing and furnishing goods; Henry Trevitt, M. D., H. A. Powers, drugs and medicines; George A. Carter, dry goods, boots and shoes; S. N. Center & Son, fancy and dry goods, boots and shoes; M. P. Stanton, fish and groceries; David E. Proctor, flour, meal, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware and a general assortment of stoneware; A. O. Barber, groceries; S. N. Center,

2d, groceries, flour and farming tools; S. H. Dunbar, James Shea, meat and vegetables; Miss S. A. Smith, millinery and fancy goods; S. K. Foster, stoves and tinware; ——— Stickney, undertakers' furnishings; P. R. Ring & Son, variety store.

Livery Stable: Joseph Langdell, who has about twelve horses.

THE MILK BUSINESS.

Wilton furnishes more milk than any town in the state. Mr. T. W. Wellington of Newton, Massachusetts, was the first to buy milk in Wilton for the Boston market. The amount first produced was very small, less than two hundred gallons per day, and for nearly a year was freighted in the baggage car. Mr. Wellington continued his business about a year and then disposed of it to Mr. David L. Pierce, who at that time was a retail milk dealer in Boston, and through him the business increased so that it became necessary to have a car built and run expressly for milk. Mr. Pierce, after continuing in the business for three or four years, became financially embarrassed, and in 1857 sold his entire interest to the senior member of the present firm of David Whiting & Sons. The business of producing milk in Wilton and in towns along the line of the Wilton Railroad has steadily increased from that time to the present. A special milk train is now run daily from Hillsborough to Boston, with one car from Hillsborough, one from Wilton and one from Milford. One car from Concord, Massachusetts, is also added to the train at Lexington, and, at North Cambridge Junction, two from Barre and Hudson, Massachusetts, making a train of six cars expressly for milk.

In the early days of milk production for the Boston market, one of the most serious objections to the business was in meeting the constant variation in trade, owing to the larger demand on some days than on others, so that a farmer who sold milk was obliged every few days to make butter or cheese of his surplus. In 1864 the introduction of the cheese factory did away with this serious objection, and at once placed the business on a more reliable basis. Since then no product of the farm is more sure of ready sale. The capacity of our first cheese vat was sixty gallons, and the cheese was manufactured in a back room of Mr. Whiting's house. The business of cheese making rapidly increased, and when it was decided to order a new vat of latest improvement, with a capacity of two hundred and fifty gallons, the climax for the care of surplus milk was supposed to have been reached. About the year 1875 the manufacture of butter was found to be more satisfactory than that

of cheese, and the factory and fixtures were changed accordingly to their present location. The present factory has a capacity of twenty-five hundred gallons, and the business is fast out-growing the accommodations. The product of milk was never larger than at present. The present firm pay to their producers annually for milk and cream, on all lines operated by them, over four hundred thousand dollars; and it is but reasonable to believe that, with the inevitable increase in the population of Boston and vicinity, and with the rapidly increasing appreciation of milk as a wholesome and nutritious article of food, the product will be in still greater demand, and will continue to be the largest and most valuable of any along the line of the Souhegan valley.

Messrs. Whiting are also manufacturers of lumber and dealers in cattle-feed and coal. The annual product of their lumber mill is 500,000 staves and 500,000 feet of lumber, and of their grist mill is 1500 tons of corn meal. They also sell about 2000 tons of shorts, middlings, etc., and 700 tons of coal per annum. Their farm produces about 75 tons of hay and their hoggery contains about 500 hogs and pigs.

CHAPTER XXVII.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The growth of the town for many years was very slow. The resources of the place were limited to the soil for agriculture, the forests for wood and timber, and the streams for water power. Farming and mechanics were the two principal careers open to immigrants. The early settlers met with great trials and hardships, as we have seen. No very flattering prospects were open to the ambition of the young. As young men and women came upon the stage, many sought other and more encouraging opportunities of making their livelihood and fortune.

According to the report in the Centennial pamphlet there were two families in 1739; 70 people in 1755; 240 in 1763; 623 in 1775; 1013 in 1786; 1105 in 1790; 1017 in 1800; 1017 in 1810; 1070 in 1820. From 1790 to 1839 the average varied very little from 1100, and the population never was greater than in 1790. There were about 45 inhabitants to the square mile.

Two forces have acted upon the population, western emigration and factory immigration. One has served to drain, and the other to replenish, the population, but the former has taken away the natives, while the latter has brought in more foreigners, thus affecting the social and ecclesiastical condition of Wilton. In 1830 the number of inhabitants was 1041; in 1840, 1033; in 1850, 1161; in 1860, 1369; in 1870, 1974; in 1880, 1747, and in 1888, probably 1800 or more.

In 1763 there were 56 polls, and in 1870, 392. In 1880 there were 132 farmers, 71 mechanics, 23 laborers, 28 merchants and manufacturers and 9 professional men. There were 107 persons 70 years old or more. In 1763 there were 48 oxen, 60 cows,

18 horses, 22 young cattle, 126 acres in tillage, 163½ acres in mowing, 43 acres in pasture and 41 houses. Valuation, £346 15s.

In 1850 the number of oxen was 224, cows 417, other cattle 478, horses 143, sheep 478, swine 414, value of live stock $41,283; acres of improved land 11,426, of unimproved land 2249, cash value of farms, $275,450, value of farming implements $6388; amount of wheat produced 636 bushels, rye 620, Indian corn 6239, oats 2117, peas and beans 164, potatoes 12,655, barley 603, wool 1566 pounds; value of orchard products $730, market garden $124; amount of butter produced 53,587 pounds, cheese 19,095, beeswax and honey 137, hops 5835; hay 2203 tons; value of animals slaughtered $9811.

In 1860 the number of oxen was 165, cows 659, other cattle 228, horses 136, sheep 138, swine 231, value of live stock $46,923; acres of improved land 10,005, of unimproved land 3652, cash value of farms $406,500, value of farming implements $10,135; wheat raised 1775 bushels, rye 447, Indian corn 6815, oats 2036, peas and beans 172, potatoes 11,042, barley 484, buckwheat 33, wool 464 pounds; value of orchard products $2969, market garden $25; amount of wine produced 420 gallons, butter 18,433 pounds, cheese 3650, beeswax and honey 224, hops 650; hay 2611 tons; value of animals slaughtered $6715.

In 1870 the number of dwellings was 330, families 377; children at school 347, persons who cannot read 71, cannot write 86; white males 803, white females 830; foreign males 146, foreign females 156; those whose father was foreign born 454, mother foreign born 449; persons 21 years of age, or under, 392.

The census of Wilton for 1850 was taken by James Scott of Peterborough; for 1860, by Charles Richardson of Amherst; for 1870, by Major David E. Proctor, then of Lyndeborough, now of Wilton; for 1880, by George L. Dascombe.

The number of marriages recorded in Wilton from 1762 to 1887 is 622. But there are some gaps in the records as kept by the town, so that the number recorded is not complete. For many years the custom was to cry out the couple in the Congregational church. Just before the congregation was dismissed in the afternoon the town clerk announced, to the great edification of the people, that such or such a couple intended marriage. The law required publication two weeks before the event. Subsequently the publication was made by posting the names of the parties intending marriage in some public place on a bulletin board. It appears that

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after March, 1862, the town clerk recorded only the intention of marriage, not the marriage itself. We give a few specimens of early records of publication of intention to marry, all belonging to the year 1764 :

Stephen Putnam of Wilton and Olive Varnum of Andover were lawfully published, and there was no objections against their proceeding in marriage. Philip Putnam of Wilton and Abigail Jaquith of Dunstable were lawfully published, and there was no objections against their proceeding in marriage. George Coburn of Wilton and Mary Adams of Dunstable were lawfully published, and there was no objections to their proceeding in marriage. John Brown of Wilton and Eunice Russell of Reading were lawfully published, and there was no objections against their proceeding in marriage. Stephen Farnham of Wilton and Kezia Skidmore of Chelmsford were published three public meeting days, and there was no objections to their proceeding in marriage.

Philip Putnam, Town Clerk.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

OLD RELICS, REMINISCENCES AND DIARIES.

A copper coin, of the size of the old copper cent, was found many years ago by Mr. Abiel Flint in his field on the farm now owned by Mr. Charles H. White. It bears on one side an endless chain of thirteen rings, on which were probably the abbreviated names of the thirteen original states, but only a few of the letters are legible. Within the chain of rings are other letters, too indistinct for the words to be discovered, and still another ring enclosing the words, "We are one," in letters little worn. The other side has a representation of the rising sun, the date, 1787, the word, "*Fugio*," and, at the bottom, the words, "Mind Your Business;" in the centre are some emblems.*

Mr. Flint has also three currency bills, each three inches long and two and one-half inches wide, which have come down from his grandfather, Ebenezer Flint. Two of them were issued under a resolution of the Continental Congress, passed at Philadelphia, February 17, 1776. On one side of each is a chain of thirteen rings, on which are the abbreviated names of the thirteen original states. Under the chain are the words: "Philadelphia. Printed by Hall and Sellers, 1776." Over the chain is printed the denomination of the bill; in one, "Two Thirds of a Dollar;" in the other, "One Sixth of a Dollar." On the opposite side of each bill is a square enclosing a circle with the words, "Mind Your Business." The third bill was issued by the state of Massachusetts, and "entitles the Bearer to Four Shillings and Sixpence, L. M. out of the Treasury of this State." On each side of the bill is a pillar, and at the top is the date, 1776, with a picture of the venerable codfish of the state.

* A copper cent, similar to the one described, was coined in 1787, bearing on one side a sun dial with the sun above it.

BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTION.

The only battle of the Revolutionary war fought in Wilton occurred in this wise: A report sprung up that a deserter had come to town and was concealed in the house of friends. The zealous patriots were aroused. They assembled from far and near, and, surrounding the suspected domicile, demanded that the traitor to his country's cause should be produced forthwith. But the family resented this rude assault on their "castle," and, deserter or no deserter, they did not propose to give him up at such an unceremonious call. The leader, advancing into the house, met with a fiery reception; for the indignant grandam seized the kitchen shovel, in those days no mean weapon, and, filling it with red-hot coals from the fire-place, prepare to sprinkle them over the good deacon's head. But he interposed in season to prevent this baptism of fire with "My good woman! please don't do anything rash." Thus ended the first, last and only battle in Wilton in that war. But whether there was really any deserter or not, is not known to this day.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE OLD FRENCH MILL, BY MR. EPHRAIM BROWN.

"These recollections are gathered from my own observation and from descriptions given by members of the French family. I was much about the mills in my boyhood, and the French place was a familiar playground. At that time, while fishing in the river directly east of the old dwelling-house of the original French family, I observed timbers in the bed of the river, apparently placed there by design, and traces of timbers on the banks, showing that a dam had been erected there, which was afterwards overflowed by the dam built lower down by Mr. Killum's. Fifty years later Burleigh French told me that before his father, Deacon Burleigh French, came to Wilton in company with his father, James French, a dam and mill had been built there by a Mr. Barker, or Baker. In some freshet these were swept away. Subsequently a dam was built higher up the stream against the Hesselton place, the north end of which stands there to this day, and a canal was dug down the stream to the site of the old saw and grain mills, recently burned. These mills were owned by James French and his son, Deacon Burleigh French.

"I heard from the lips of the daughter of James French, a sister of Burleigh French, the story of the raising of the second dam of

the old French mill, opposite the house of Mr. Joel Hesselton on the Souhegan River. In those days such structures were built of heavy timbers, which were prepared and placed in a horizontal position; then many men were required to raise them to their proper place. Saturday night came before all things were ready for the raising, and with it came also clouds and signs portending a storm of rain. If the water rose in this rapid and ragged river, not only would the erection of the dam be delayed, but there was great danger that the frame, now laid in position in the bed of the stream, would be washed away and lost. Sunday morning the heavens were still more threatening.

"Whatever may have been the scruples of Mr. James French regarding the keeping of the Lord's Day in general, and whatever may have been the opinion and practice of his workmen and of his neighbors, it was deemed expedient to lay these scruples aside, and to proceed at once to raise the frame, that it might not be lost. The neighborhood, yea, the whole town, had an interest in that dam. Mills in old colonial times, one hundred or two hundred years ago, were deemed to be of great public benefit, and to be worthy of especial legislation in their favor. It is not strange, then, that to raise that dam on that Sunday was decided to be a work of necessity and mercy, both to save the property of Mr. French, and to supply a needy public with a place to grind its corn and saw its lumber. I have little doubt the intent had been to raise the dam on a week day, and to invite much help, perhaps the whole town, as was the custom on similar occasions. But to call in so many on the Sabbath day would not be in keeping with the second commandment. Upon consultation, it was decided to have only so many men as seemed needful to do the work; and to forbear to draw off from the service of the sanctuary, any whose help seemed not to be absolutely necessary.

"When the time for action came, the men were placed, each in his station and at his post of duty. At the word of command the ponderous beams moved heavily and slowly from the ground. Every man exerted his utmost strength. Slowly and heavily the massive timbers were carried up to the breast of the men. Here they ceased to move higher. Again and again did these noble men struggle and strain, but no effort could carry them higher. Neither could they let them back. To do so was to be crushed. Here, then, was a dilemma. They were in a trap. There could be no

relief except in reënforcement. But the people were in the Centre of the town, worshipping in the house of God. To call upon these seemed to be the only alternative. No man could be spared as a messenger to summon others. No woman could go there in time. At a given signal every man with his utmost voice shouted, 'Help! Help! Come!' Again they shouted, 'Help! Help! Come!' and again, 'Help!! Help!! Come!! Come!!'

"How these united voices rolled along the valleys, over the hill-tops and penetrated to the ears of that worshipping assembly! That call of life or death was instantly understood. The congregation rushed from the house, and in less time than I have taken to relate it, men were running down the hill-sides or urging their nimble steeds over the interval road, dashing to the rescue. Springing under the massive timbers, they soon raised the great beams to their places and the victory was won.

"To the men holding up the timbers the passage from the church to their rescue seemed indeed long. The distance is nearly one mile and a half. Fifteen minutes would be a very quick run for the fleetest man or for a good horse. To sustain the failing strength of the sinking men under the heavy beams, the daughter of James French mixed strong drink, walked into the bed of the river, held the stimulating beverage to pale and parched lips, and thus enabled the men to hold out until help arrived.

"I will relate another incident connected with this spot. When the former dam was washed away, the rushing waters made an excavation in the earth below its base some ten or twelve feet deep. This remained filled with water. A valuable implement fell from the hands of one of the workmen into this pit. Phineas Lovejoy, brother of David and Moses Lovejoy, plunged in to recover it. In this he failed. He lost his ability to swim; he lost his presence of mind, and it was seen that he was drowning. It was at this instant that Deacon Burleigh French plunged in to rescue him. But the pit was so deep, its sides were so steep, its cobble-stone floor and walls were so slippery, and his friend so exhausted and heavy, that both men were in great danger of drowning, for Mr. French was unable to swim out and retain his hold on Lovejoy. Realizing the desperate nature of his situation, Mr. French, an expert swimmer and an athletic man, while at the bottom of the pit threw Lovejoy over his shoulder, struggled up its precipitous outlet, and crept upon dry land, both men, from exhaustion, unable to stand."

YOUTHFUL PATRIOTISM.

It is related, as showing the spirit of the times, that a young man came to the muster master, Major Abiel Abbot, to be enrolled for the army in the Revolutionary war but was found not so tall as the law required. He insisted on being measured again, and it being with the same result, in his passionate disappointment he burst into tears. He was, however, finally enrolled, on the ground that zeal and courage were of more value in a soldier than an inch more or less in height.

MEMORANDA OF QUARTERMASTER ISAAC FRYE.

The following extracts are made, as specimens of Revolutionary records, kept by Isaac Frye, afterwards Major, a native of Wilton; and are taken from a dilapidated manuscript, preserved by his descendants as a precious heirloom of the times which tried men's souls:

May, 1775. Rec'd thirty mess pots of the commissary at Cambridge for the use of Col. Sargent's Regiment. Rec'd eighteen pails for the use of Col. Sargent's Regiment.

May 29, 1775. Rec'd 1600 rounds of cartridges for the use of Col. Sargent's Regiment, and 220 flints.

June 14, 1775. Rec'd twenty-seven kettels for the use of Col. Reed's Regiment, and nineteen bails for kettels.

June 14, 1775. Account of wood rec'd for the use of Col. Reed's Regiment at Charlestown neck. Rec'd orders for thirteen cords and two feet of wood of Isaac Hall, D. P. commissary at Medford, to take said wood at Cheever's wharf in Charlestown.

June 16. Rec'd one load of John Lambert, 6 feet.

June 21, 1775. Rec'd one hundred and sixty-two canteens for Col. Reed's Regiment.

June 28, 1775. Rec'd eleven tents of Mr. Emerson, commissary for New Hampshire, for the use of Col. Reed's Regiment.

AMMUNITION ACCOUNT.

June 13, 1775. Rec'd one hundred fifty wait of powder and three hundred wait of ball, six hundred and thirty flints for Col. Reed's Regiment.

June 14, 1775. Rec'd 2096 rounds of cartridges for the use of Col. Reed's Regiment, 582 flints.

Charlestown, June 14. Delivered half a pint of powder to a man for 65 men in Capt. Mann's company. Delivered 20 balls to a man for 64 men in Capt. Ezra Town's Co. Total, 1280.

THE WINTER HILL DIARY OF JONATHAN BURTON.

The following passages are taken from a diary kept by Jonathan Burton of Wilton, then sergeant in Captain Taylor's company of

militia, while in camp at Winter Hill, near Boston, in the winter of 1775–76 :*

Head Quarters, December 10th 1775.

Four Companeys of the New Hampshire Militia are to march to Roxbury to reënforce that Division. The Captains will receive General Ward's orders what Regiment they are attached to; the rest of the New Hampshire Militia are to joyn the Brigade on Winter Hill and Prospect Hill in Cambridge. Together with the Company of Militia from Massachusetts which are ordered to joyn Prescott, Greaton and Nixon's Regiments are to be appointed for the new Established Regiments as the Major and Brigade Generals shall think fit for the most equal Distribution. The Captains of the several Militia Companies from the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Governments are to make exact records of their Companies and return them signed without delay to the Adjutant General.

Head Quarters, December 13th 1775.

The Major Generals are to order the Militia Companies to be joyned to the Different Brigades and Regiments in their respective Divisions, in such a manner as to supply the Difficency of the Connecticut Troops and to prevent Confusion and Disorder in case we should be called to action and make report thereof as soon as it is done. As these companies have an Inclination to joyn Particular Regiments, the General has no Objection to it in every instance where it can be done consistent with the good of the service, and the allotment to the Different Incampments. The Adjutant of every Regiment to which any of those companies are joyned are to acquaint them with all General and Brigade Orders that they may not unknowingly Disobey them. The Colonels of the several Regiments upon the New Establishment may respectively apply to the Commissary of Ordnance Stores for 75 Stand of Armes, Lately taken in the London Storeship. These arms the colonels will be Careful to Put into the hands of the Soldiers most approved for their care and Bravery and Such only as are Inlisted for the next Campaign. An exact list of their Names to be returned to their Respective Colonels. The Carbines in said Ship are not to be delivered without Special Order.

Sergeant Ebenezer Fogg of Captain McFarlings and Colonel Nixons tryed by a General Court Martial for absenting himself from the Camp without Leave of absence, &c., &c. Said Fogg upon examination and evidence heard adjudged Guilty of the Principle Part of the accusation. and sentenced to receive Ten lashes on his Naked back at the Head of Said Regiment and not Permitted to do the Duty of a Sergeant During this Campaign. The General approves the sentence and orders it to take place tomorrow at 9 o'clock at the Head of Said Regiment.

* We have been obliged to give only extracts from this diary and from the other old-time documents on account of want of room.

Head Quarters, December 14th 1775.
Parole, Domingo; Countersign, France.

It is expected that the Armourers on Winter Hill work for any Person in the Brigade without any of them Pretending to Confine their work to Particular Regiments. The Officers of the Several Regiments and Commanders of Particular Companies are Desired Particularly to visit the Barraks in which their men are Lodged, and Give the best advice they can for making their Men as Comfortable as Possable, and make report of those they find in too Uncomfortable a Situation to Endure the Inclemency of the Weather, that Some method may be taken to make Men more comfortable. The General takes this opertunity of returning his most sincere and herty thanks to the Gentlemen Officers and Soldiers, who have with so much speed and alacrity come to joyn the Army and Prevent our Enemy taking the advantage of the Dastardly Conduct of those Troops who Basely Desarted the Lines; and as the time of those Troops which are Inlisted will be soon Expired he flatters himself that the same Spirit which Brought them in so seasonably to our assistance will Induce both officers and Soldiers to exert themselves in Influencing a Sufficient Number of Good men to Inlist for filling up the Standing Continental Army which is to take Place at their Departure, And he sincerely hopes that their zeal in this respect will, if possible, Equal that which they have already Discovered so much to their own and their Country's Honour. The General Strictly Enjoyns those persons, who may Inlist out of the New Companies into the Continental Army, Not to Leave the Companies to which they now Belong Untill the fifteenth Day of January Next, on Penalty of being treated as Deserters.

Head Quarters, Jany 1st 1776.
Parole, Congress; Countersign, America.

This Day Giving Commencement to the New Army which in Every Point is Continental, the General Flatters Himself that a Laudable Spirit of Immulation will now take place, and Prevade the whole of it; without such a Spirit few Officers have ever arrived to any Degree of Reputation, Nor did any Army ever become formidable. His Excelency hopes that the Importance of the Greate Cause we are engaged in will be Deeply Impressed upon every Man's mind, and wishes it to be Considered that an Army without order, Regularity and Disipline is no Better than a Commisoned Mobb. Let us, therefore, when everything Dear and Valable to freemen is at Stake, when our Unnatural Parent is threatning us with Destruction from Every Quarter, Endeavour by all the Skill and Disipline in our Power to acquire that Knowledge and Conduct that is Necessary in War. Our Men are brave and good men, who, with Pleasure it is observed, are adicted to fewer Vices than are commonly found in Armies. But it is Subordination and Disipline, the Life and Soule of an Army, which under Providence is to make us formidable to our Enemies, Honorable in ourselves, and Respected in the World. And herein is to be Shown the Goodness of the officers. In vain it is for a General to Issue orders, if orders are not attended too. Equally vain it is for a few

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officers to Exert themselves, if the Same Spirit does not animate the whole. It is therefore expected that each Brigadier will be attentive to the Disipline of his Brigade, to the Exercise and Conduct served in it, Calling the Colonels and field officers of the Regiments to a Severe account for Neglect or Disobedience of orders. The same attention to be Paid by Field officers to the Respective Companies of their Regiments, by the Captains to their Subalterns, and so on, that the Plea of Ignorance, which is no cause for the Neglect of orders (but Rather an agravation), may not be offered.

Camp on Winter Hill, Jan. 14, 1776.

The General sincerely thanks those worthy Patriotic Soldiers Who at his Request have agreed to Tarry 15 Days Longer than the Time they first engaged. For this Demonstration of Zeal in their Country's Cause must Reflect the most lasting Honour upon them, and convince the world they are ready to Sacrifice their ease and comfort of themselves and families, to the Good of their Country. While others acting on Different Principles, and actuated by different motives would entail Slavery upon themselves and Posterity, rather than Submit to the least Inconvenience in their Private affairs. The General assures the Latter, that while he endeavors to Reward the former with Honour and Credit they so Justly Deserve, he will do all in his Power to fix on the Latter, Disgrace and Infamy, which their Conduct so Justly Merits. The Militia Captains are Desired to make out an exact list of all those Soldiers who are Determined to Quit the Service on the 16th Instant, and Present the same with Certificate of their having returned the Arms and ammunition they have received from the army, early on Tuesday morning to John Sullivan, Brigadier General.

Camp on Winter Hill, Jan. 17, Rigermental order.

John Roakes of Captain Spaulding's Company and Colonel Reed's Regiment, tried at a late Court Martial for getting Drunk when on Guard, Whereof Captain Oliver was President. The Prisoner confessing himself Guilty of a breach of the 22nd article of the Rules and Regulations of the Continental army. Therefore adjudged the said John Roakes to receive Twenty lashes on his Naked Back, but on account of his appearing very humble and Penitant, recommended that some Part of the Punishment be mitigated. Therefore ordered that the said John Roakes receive Ten stripes only. The Colonel approves the Sentance of the Court and orders that the said John Roakes receive Ten Lashes on his Naked back at eleven o'clock this forenoon. The Adjutant of the Regiment to see it executed.

Israel Gilman, Lieut. Col.

Head Quarters, January 23, 1776.
Parole, Fairfax; Countersign, Mount Vernon.

Timothy Downing, tried by a General Court Marshal, found guilty, sentenced to Receive 39 Lashes on his bare back, with a cat of Nine tails.

It appearing to the Court that as the Prisoner is worthless and Incorrigible, they order him to be Drummed out of the Army. The Court of Enquirey to Set on Thursday Next, at General Green's on Prospect Hill, to examine into a complaint exhibited against Colonel Starkes of the fifth Regiment of foot, by Samuel Hubbard Esq. Paymaster of the New Hampshire forces. All evidence and Persons Concerned to attend y^e^ Court. The Court to consist of Brig. Gen. Green, President Col. Nixon, Col. Hitchcock, Col. Webb and Col. Varnum. Judge Advocate to attend, the court will set Precisely at ten o'clock.

The Quarter Master of each Regiment on Winter Hill, Brigade, to apply to Quarter Master General Frazier Immediately, for oil for the Pikes, and in the future to be Particularly Careful in Keeping the Pikes clean, and the alarm part of their Respective Regiments in Proper order.

Head Quarters, January 24, 1776.
Parole, Ticonderoga; Countersign, Wolfe.

The Barraks to be finished as speady as Possible that the Militia Regiments which are Expected may be accomadated. The Quarter Master General and his Assistance are to look out in time for other Quarters, if the Barraks are thought Insufficente to entertain the Troops. The Regiments are to Brigade, In the following manner:

Brig. Gen. Thomas, 1st Brigade; Col. Leonard, Col. Joseph Reed, Col. Whitcomb, Col. Ward, Col. Bailey.

Brig. Gen. Sullivan; Col. James Reed, Col. Nixon, Col. Stark, Col. Poor.

Brig. Gen. Green; Col. Varnum, Col. Hitchcock, Col. Little, Col. Bond.

Brig. Gen. Heath; Col. Prescott, Col. Sargent, Col. Phinney, Col. Greaton, Col. Baldwin.

Brig. Gen. Spencer; Col. Parsons, Col. Huntington, Col. Webb, Col. Wiley.

Brig. Generals Glover, Patterson, Arnold, Hutchinson, Whitcomb, Webb and Huntington's Regiments to joyn their Respective Brigades as soon as Provision is made for them (and any time before the first of February) that they may get fixed before the Militia comes in. The Brigadier Quarter Master Generals are to see that each room hath its Complement of men and the officers Placed Contiguous to them. The custom of manning the Lines in each Regiment repairing to its Alarm Post, at the beating of the Reveille, is to be Strictly and unreservedly to be Practised until Countermanded. The Brigadiers are to take special care that proper Alarm Posts are assigned to every Regiment that no Confusion may happen on an Alarm. Neither Provision or the Value of them, are to be Issued to officers, nor Soldiers, while upon Furloughs. Furloughs always considered as Injurious to the Service, and too often used for the Gratification of Individuals. The General therefore was not a little surprised that it had, Contrary to Custom and Common Justice, become a Question, whether Absenters were not Entitled to the same allowance of Provisions as they that were Present and Doing Duty.

JONATHAN BURTON'S TICONDEROGA DIARY.

The following extracts are taken from a diary kept by Jonathan Burton during the Ticonderoga campaign of 1776. In this campaign he held the rank of lieutenant in Captain William Barron's company of Colonel Wyman's regiment:*

July 23d. Wilton men joined with Amherst, Dunstable and Merrimack men, at Wilton, and after settling the Company with under officers, began our march and Logd at Millikin's in Wilton first night.

Aug. 1st 1776. Three Companys more of our Regt marcht early in the morning; and about two o'clock our Company marcht from No. 4 [Charlestown] and Crossed the Greate River and Logd in Springfield at Scott's about nine mild from No. 4. Here was the first Night I Lay on the hard flore.

Aug. 2d. We marcht from Scott's in Springfield and at Night we Encamped in the woods and lay on the Ground. Now we begin to experience what it is to be Soldiers in the Wilderness.

Aug. 3d. After taking our Breakfast in our little Camp, we left it and marchd to Durham, and here we got Liberty to Lodge in a little Smoky Chamber on the hard floor.

Aug. 6th. We got to Wood Creek to Major Skeen's and Crossed the Creek about twelve o'clock, here we Picht our Tents or otherways built Booths with Brush and Lay on the ground; Very well contented with our New habitation, though it hapned to be a very heavy Shower, and in the morning the most of the men were as wet as so many drownded Rats.

Aug. 7th. We built us a new Camp and covered it with Bark, hoping against the next rain to be a little more Comfortable, though the flies and gnats are very troublesome. This day we have six men on Command up the River after Boards.

Skeensborough, Aug. 8th. This day in the afternoon we Rec'd orders for to go to Ticonderoga to joyn Gen. Reed's Brigade at that Place, to Draw one days Provision and to be ready to set off early the next morning.

Aug. 9th. About ten o'clock this morning we set off from Skeensborough, for the tie, and about Sunset we arrived at that place, and marched about half a mild up to the Encampment. It being dark before we got in we were obliged to lay on the cold ground; I being unwell, made it an uncomfortable Night's rest for me.

Aug. 10th. We began to fix our ground to incamp and Provide the stuff, but orders came that Eighteen men from our Company was to be draughted to go as Mariners on board the Rogallies to cruise on the Lake down towards St. Johns. Put by our building this day.

Sunday, Aug. 11th. This day proved to be rainy all day. Now we begin to see sick men Laying on the cold ground without anything to cover them but their blankets.

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*The names of the other Wilton men in Captain Barron's company can be found on page 93.

Aug. 15th. I was on Command with a Party of men over the Lake after Turf to build the New fort, 20 on the works this day of our Company.

Aug. 16th. The Capt. and Eleven on the works this day from our Company, the News of the Day was that our Regt is to go to Oswego.

Aug. 19th. About Eleven o'ck in the forenoon I rec'd orders from the Adjutant of our Regt to take comd of 20 men from our Regt & Parade Before the Genl's house to receive my orders; which from him was to take ten days' Provisions, and the Command of 6 Battoes and Proceed to Otter Creek after Hay, and about ½ an hour after Sunset I got the Provisions on board and set off from Ticonderoga and Proceeded down the Lake about three Milds and Logd in the Boat all Night in the open Air.

Aug. 20th. After we had Cooked our Breakfast we set off for Crown Point, and after Landing there and Gitting a Pass from the Genl we Divided our Provisions and went down the Lake from the Point about five Mild and then landed and Drest our Suppers and Lodged there that Night.

Aug. 21st. We set off from our Lodging very early in the morning with a fair Gale of wind and about noon we Came to the Mouth of Otter Creek, then we had to go nine Mild up the Creek there to load with hay, but the hay not being ready I could not load my Boats and was obliged to lay there that Night in my Boats.

Aug. 22d. After we had Baked our Bread and Dressed our Provisions we took in about 30 Boards at the Mill and Set off from the Creek and got into the Lake in about two hours and ½, Then the wind not favoring us we had hard work to Get into any harbor where we could Lay secure, but the wind Shifting we secured ourselves in a Little Creek that Night and Lodged in our Boats.

Aug. 23d. We set off from our Lodging very Early and got up to Crown Point about ten o'clock in the forenoon and after taking some Refreshment there, Sot off and Landed at Putnam's Point (so called) and took our Dinners; from there we set off with a fair wind and landed at Ticonderoga about two hours by sun and after I had delivered the Boats the Party was Dismist and came to the Camp that Night, where I had the melancholly News of the Death of Caleb Putnam, who died the 22d and was buried a few hours before I came into Camp.

Aug. 26th. This day proved to be rainey all Day, I being unwell it made it very uncomfortable for me.

Aug. 27th. Rainy all day. This day we built our chimney in our hut, and Lodged Comfortable after that on account of having a good fire.

Aug. 28th. I was unwell all day with the fever Nager, not able to go out all Day.

Aug. 29th. This day died James Holden of Capt. Man's Company, in Col. Reed's Regt. The News today in Camp is of a Battle fought at New York—but it wants conformation and we regard it not.

Aug. 30th. No News this Day, our weekly Return made today was 28 men in our Company unfit for Duty and returned Sick.

Aug. 31st. Col. Isaac Wyman, Head Col. of this Regt put under arrest by Colo Stark. Two Regts of the Bay men arrived here this day from Skeensborough.

Sunday, Sept. 1st. This day I was returned unfit for Duty and Drawed allowence with the sick men.

Sept. 9th. Now I begin to Gain Strength so I walk out almost all day and begin to be hearty and well. The weekly Return of our Company was 29 unfit for Duty and on the Doctor's list.

Sept. 10th. Camp News today that all our fleet down the Lake was taken or destroyed to a man.

Sept. 11th. Camp News today that a party of our men went on shore from the fleet after provisions and were fired upon by the Enemy, three Killed and Six wounded.

Oct. 4th. Rainy all day in the Camp; this day there was two men buried from our Regt, which makes 16 that we have lost from sd. Regt since we came to this place.

Sunday, Oct. 6th. The Rev. Mr. Porter of Colo Wingates Regt Preached to our Regt two Sermons.

Oct. 7th. This morning Died, and at night was buried Benj Baley of our Company; who made the 20th we have lost from our Regt since we came to this place.

Sunday, Oct. 13th. In the morning we heard a very heavy firing Down the Lake and Directly had an account of our fleets being Destroyed and obliged to Retreat. In the afternoon the whole army was mustered to man the lines.

Oct. 14th. About two hours before day the whole of our Brigade was Mustered again and went Down to the lines and after going through the fireings at the Alarm Post, we returned to the Camp and was Dismised and every man in our Regt was ordered on fatigue in throughing up a brestwork around the Camps and on Scouting Parties.

Oct. 15th. I was on fatigue in the forenoon and in the afternoon I was out with a scouting Party, 37 Privates one Sergt and two Corpls, and Discovered nothing.

Oct. 16th. There was an alarm in Camp last Night, caused by the Centries firing on some Cattle, which allarmed our Regt at midnight and caused them all to turn out—And in the forenoon I went out a Scouting Party.

Oct. 19th. There was Great Preperation making in the Camps (Expecting the British Troops would come in on the morrow) That we might be Ready for the Reception of those enemies whenever they Come to Disturb us.

Oct. 21st. The whole of our Brigade fit for Duty was ordered on Fatigue, in Cutting and halling Timber into the Lake in order to build a Boom across the Lake to Prevent the Ships Coming by the fort to Land.

Oct. 22d. I was on fatigue in getting Timber into the Lake. This evening we have the news in the Camp that the Indians Killed five of our men with their Tomeyhawks Just below the Mill. This morning Died Josiah Parker at Castleton on his way home.

Oct. 26th. This Day came into Camp about one hundred Green Mountain Boys, and Encamped on the other side of the Lake.

Sunday, Oct. 27th. We had the News in Camp of a Victory won by the

Continental Troops over the Britons at New York. In the afternoon there was an alarm in the Camp caused by some Boats being Discovered down the Lake.

Nov. 20th. Colo Wingate's Regt marcht for home, and all the sick from our Regt. In this number went seven of our Company. At Evening the whole Regt Received Orders to march Early the next morning as quick as they Pleased.

Nov. 21st. We Rose very Early in the morning and after Puting up our things and taking our Breakfast we took leave of Mount Independence and our little Camp, where we had rested so many Nights and Days, and we marcht off with the remaining part of our Company, and marcht about 18 miles and Encamped at a place called Laing's Camp, there we lay ourselves down to Rest.

Nov. 22d. This morning we took our leave of our little Camp and Marched to Rutland and Logd at Deacon Roberts, Within about three mild of the fort which made about 14 Miles that we travelled that day in the rain and Mud.

Nov. 23d. We marcht to Clarendon and there went to dinner. After dinner we went to Shrewsbury and there the Company Logd in the woods and it proved a very Rainy Night.

Nov. 25th. I set off from Whites very Early and after a long and Tedious March I got in to Coffin's at Cavindish in the evening. Poor Entertainment for Soldiers at this place.

Nov. 26th. I set off from my Lodging about two hours before day and about Sunset I Crossed the Great River and got into No. 4 that evening and Logd at Mr. Bakers.

Nov. 27th. I Set away from No. 4 about ten o'clock in the morning and travelled to Walpole to Goldsmiths Tavern and Lodgd there that Night.

Nov. 28th. I set off from Goldsmiths in Walpole and travelled to Marlborough and there met with my Horse about two o'clock in the afternoon at Tucker's Tavern, and from there came to Dublin and Lodgd at one Greewoods, a Private House.

Nov. 29th. I set off from Dublin Early in the morning and got to my own house about three o'clock in the afternoon.

JOSEPH GRAY'S NARRATIVE.

In 1839, Mr. George L. Dascombe took down from Mr. Joseph Gray's recital the following narrative of his services in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Gray was then living in Wilton and was seventy-eight years old. He enlisted March 20, 1777, when only sixteen years of age, for the term of three years, under Captain Isaac Frye, in the Third New Hampshire Regiment, commanded by Colonel Scammell:*

* See *ante*, page 97.

On the first of May we marched to Charlestown, No. 4, where the company of Capt. Frye rendezvoused. From that place we marched to Ticonderoga, where he was stationed. Near this place we discovered Gen. Burgoyne with six thousand soldiers and a number of savages. They took possession of Mount Hope, which cut off our communication with Lake George, whence came our supplies. Our commander, Gen. Schuyler, thinking it unsafe to enter into an engagement with the enemy, ordered a retreat. We marched down to the water-side and put our baggage on board boats bound to Skeenesborough, 27 miles towards Albany. The enemy pursued, overtook the boats laden with our baggage, and made a prize of them, leaving us almost destitute of provision and clothing. We retreated to Fort Miller, where we were supplied with provisions. We then continued our retreat to Stillwater, destroying the bridges in our progress to retard the pursuit of the enemy. About four miles from the latter place was Schaghticoke, a small Dutch village, whose inhabitants, being alarmed at the appearance of savages who were lurking about, sent for a detachment of troops to guard them off. The detachment was sent on, myself being one of the number. We arrived late in the afternoon and set out our guards. It fell to my lot to be on guard that night, and I was stationed about 40 rods south of the meeting-house, on a beautiful level plain. Our orders were, if we discovered anything moving, to hail; and if we received no answer, to fire. We had been informed that the Indians, who were scouting round, were dressed in white frocks. Some time during the night, I discovered, by the dim starlight, something white advancing towards me. With a quick and steady voice I hailed, "Who comes there?" No answer. Again, "Who comes there?" No answer. Quick, "Who comes there?" at the same instant discharging my piece; when I found, to my inexpressible joy, that it was a herd of cattle. On examination, the next morning, we found a meagre white-faced bull had received the ball from my musket in his shoulder.

The inhabitants of the neighborhood had collected in the village at night for safety. In the morning two of them, wishing to bring some provisions from their farms, which lay about three-fourths of a mile distant, mounted their horses and started for that purpose. They had not been long absent, when we heard the well-known report of Indian fusees, and were much alarmed for the safety of the men. We soon saw one of them riding at full speed towards the village, with his hat off and his arms extended, calling for help, and followed by the horse of the other, without a rider. After consultation we marched out and found the missing man lying under the fence, scalped, and his throat cut from ear to ear. Mr. Ellis sent on for a reënforcement, and we guarded the villagers down the river about four miles to a place of safety.

We then returned to Stillwater. Our army crossed the Mohawk river near Loudon's ferry, and there encamped. Here we received our war-like stores and a reënforcement. Gen. Gates took the command, and we marched back about 14 miles to Bemis's heights, in order to face the enemy, and threw up some breastworks to defend ourselves. The season was far advanced, and the enemy's store of provisions so nearly exhausted

that they were obliged to advance or retreat. On the 19th of September they made an attempt to cut off the left wing of our army. We gave them battle in the woods, about a mile from our breastwork. The battle continued until night, when each party retired with some loss. Among those who fell on the enemy's side was Gen. Fraser. On the 7th of October, sending out the Hessians, they made another attempt to cut off our left. The battle was of short continuance, and the enemy soon retreated, leaving their artillery, with their dead and wounded and some prisoners, which all fell into our hands. Our enemy, being satisfied that they could not advance, commenced a retreat; their commander sending a line to Gen. Gates, requesting him to treat their sick and wounded as prisoners of war. On the following day we pursued them, and they, on arriving at Saratoga, found their troops surrounded by our army, and immediately surrendered, which event took place on the 17th of October, 1777.

On the next day Gen. Gates made a forced march to Albany, a distance of thirty-six miles, where he remained a few days, and then moved down to Peekskill, where a portion of the army, being unfit for duty, were sent into the barracks, drawing suitable provisions, and large supplies of New England rum. Not satisfied with their situation, forty of these soldiers, under the exhilarating effects of the intoxicating liquor, mutinied, shouldered their baggage, paraded, chose a corporal for a commander and started for their homes. Immediately information was communicated to the officers, who ordered Capt. Beal of Portsmouth to persuade them to relinquish their design and to return to their encampment. Capt. Beal girded on his sword in haste, met them and requested them to halt, intimating that he wished to speak with the corporal who commanded them. Taking him aside, he drew his sword and ran him through; the corporal at the same instant discharged his piece, which took effect. Both expired before morning.

From Peekskill we moved on to Whitemarsh, where we joined the main army, and thence we marched to Valley Forge, where we went into winter quarters. Gen. Washington was apprised of the intention of the British to evacuate Philadelphia, and the American army was put in readiness to pursue. The British troops were overtaken at Monmouth, New Jersey, where a severe engagement took place. Gen. Washington intended to renew the attack the next morning, but during the night Gen. Clinton commenced his retreat for Sandy Hook. The American army then proceeded to White Plains. My captain and myself were left behind at Valley Forge on account of sickness; but we soon recovered and joined the army at White Plains. Soon after the New Hampshire troops, and some others, were ordered to Hartford, Connecticut, to receive the prisoners taken at the surrender of Burgoyne. We guarded them nearly to the boundary of New York, after which we went into winter quarters.

The settlement of Wyoming, on the Susquehanna River, having been destroyed, and the inhabitants cruelly massacred by the Indians and Tories, in the summer of 1778, Gen. Washington deemed it expedient, in the ensuing spring, to send a detachment of the army to punish the

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aggressors. Accordingly, at the opening of the campaign of '79, three brigades collected at Easton, Pennsylvania, whence, under Gen. Sullivan, they marched into the Indian country. The New Hampshire troops, who composed a part of this detachment, marched from their winter quarters in Reading, Connecticut, to Fishkill, crossed the Hudson River at Newburgh and proceeded to Easton, where we remained a short time to prepare for the expedition. When our preparations were completed, we commenced our march for Wyoming. After remaining a few days at this place, we moved up the river to Tioga, taking with us three small pieces of artillery. We were here joined by a fourth brigade under the command of Gen. Clinton. Our commander, being well aware of the character of the enemy he had to encounter, arranged his troops in the most judicious manner to avoid being taken by surprise. In this manner we marched the whole distance. There was, every morning, a gun fired, as a signal for striking tents, another for loading, and another for moving forward. Having left a garrison with the sick at Tioga, we resumed our march, and at the distance of about eighteen miles from that place we met the enemy, who had made a stand and were waiting to receive us. The front guards and riflemen exchanged a few shots with the enemy, and in a short time our artillery was brought to bear upon them. The heat of the engagement was between the troops of the New Hampshire line and a large number of the enemy on an eminence at the right. We soon heard a whoop from the Indians, which, our guides informed us, was a signal for retreating. We pursued them a short distance, but not overtaking them and night approaching, we encamped. We here found an abundance of green corn in a state for roasting.

Gen. Sullivan, wishing to proceed as far as possible, requested the commanding officer of each regiment to ascertain whether his men would willingly proceed upon half allowance, pledging his honor that we should be remunerated on our return. This we readily consented to do, so long as we should find corn. The pledge of Gen. Sullivan, however, was never redeemed.

We then marched to Seneca Lake, where we encamped for the night. We resumed our march the next morning, crossing the outlet of the lake, and before night arrived at an Indian settlement, which the inhabitants had just deserted. On entering one of their cabins, we discovered a little boy, about two years old, whom the Indians had taken captive in one of their excursions upon the whites, and whom, in their haste, they had left behind. In a short time a cow, the only one we saw in that part of the country, came into the camp, and was secured. Gen. Sullivan ordered a soldier to be released from duty to take care of the child, and directed that the milk of the cow should be appropriated for its sustenance. We then proceeded towards Genesee. Before arriving at that place Gen. Sullivan directed a Lieut. Boyd to take a guide and one or two men, and proceed to an Indian village called Dauhionee, to reconnoitre, and to return by daylight. Instead of implicitly following his directions, he took with him twenty men, and proceeded to the village. Finding it deserted, he went on to another village, a few miles distant, where he found several

Indians, and, as was reported, killed one of them. On his return to the army, he was fired upon by a party of Indians in ambush. Six of his company escaped and succeeded in joining the main body. As we approached the place where Lieut. Boyd was attacked we discovered one of his men, who was mortally wounded; he was carried forward with us, but, after a few hours of excruciating suffering, he expired. We had proceeded but a short distance when we came upon the bodies of thirteen of the party, lying near together, who had been shot down by the Indians on the first attack. Lieut. Boyd was still missing. On arriving at Genesee, we found his body shockingly mangled and exhibiting marks of the most savage tortures. Immediately after encamping for the night, a woman who had been carried away by the savages came into camp, bringing with her an infant born during her captivity. She was taken under our protection and returned to the abode of civilization. Her child survived only a day or two after she joined us.

This little band of troops was now placed in a peculiarly trying situation. They were few in number (only four small brigades), at the distance of 250 miles from any other civilized beings, and were surrounded by a treacherous and implacable enemy, with a scanty allowance of provisions, and their emaciated pack-horses were galled by the wooden saddles even to the bone. It would seem that hearts which were not fired with the love of liberty and the love of country must have yielded to discouragements, and sunk in despair. But that merciful Providence, which seems to have exercised a peculiar guardian care over the American army and the American people during the Revolution, protected them, and returned them in safety to their companions in arms.

The next morning after arriving at Genesee, the troops were ordered out at day-break to destroy the corn which we found growing there, which having done, we commenced our return, moving forward as rapidly as possible. When within two days' march of Tioga, we were met by a detachment of troops with provisions, of which we were much in need. We then marched to Wyoming, thence to Easton, and from that place, on the same route we had taken in the spring, to Danbury, Connecticut, where the troops went into winter quarters. Captain Frye with a detachment of troops, myself among the number, was stationed at Fairfield, where we were in some degree compensated for our toils and sufferings during the summer, by comfortable accommodations and sumptuous fare. I remained here until March, 1780, when I obtained my discharge.

In February, 1781, I enlisted the second time, for three years, and in the ensuing May joined the regiment in the vicinity of West Point. From this place we removed a few miles and went into tents. We then made a forced march down the river to King's Bridge, in view of the enemy, where we received the French troops and returned to the vicinity of Tarrytown. The whole army then marched by night to King's Bridge, and the next day returned again to Tarrytown. The main body of the army then marched towards Yorktown, leaving a portion of the troops under the command of Gen. Heath. Soon after, the Indians appeared on the Mohawk, and the two New Hampshire regiments were despatched in that

direction—the First Regiment to Saratoga and the Second ascended the Mohawk. While at Saratoga we received the intelligence of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, on which occasion we had a day of rejoicing. We remained there several months, when we marched to Newburgh and went into winter quarters. Nothing further of special importance occurred, so far as myself was concerned, and about the 20th of December, 1783, the war being ended, I was discharged.

LETTER CONCERNING MR. GRAY'S NARRATIVE.

Mr. B. A. Peavey, a resident of Schaghticoke, New York, after reading Mr. Gray's narrative in the Farmers' Cabinet, wrote him, about 1840, the following letter:

I have related the story to a number of the aged people in hopes of finding some one who might be acquainted with some of the events. The first man I conversed with was Major Vanvecton, aged between seventy and eighty, who heard the story with apparent interest. When I mentioned the man who was shot by the Indians, said he, "Mr. Gray is right; his name was Siperly. I can show you the very spot where he fell. The man who came riding back was Old Poiser." A few days after this Mr. Vanvecton went and pointed out the spot to me where Siperly fell. It was on the bank of the Tompanock Creek, where a point of the hill presses the road close to the creek. The Indians had secreted themselves and shot Siperly from his horse as he was returning to his farm from the village. Immediately after the death of Siperly, Major Knickerbocker of the settlement sent his negro to the North River, about three miles distant, where some of the neighbors were engaged in placing their property aboard of boats to secure it from the enemy, that he might inform them of the death of Siperly. Major Vanvecton's father and Solomon Acherth started for the settlement. They had proceeded about half way when they were fired upon by Indians; Vanvecton received two balls in his thigh, which passed through his tobacco box in his breeches pocket, and he fell, unable to help himself. Acherth shot one Indian with his own gun and killed him, then took Vanvecton's gun and wounded another. He then ran and was closely pursued to the river; he leaped down the bank, plunged into the river and succeeded in crossing in safety.

Major Vanvecton brought out the tobacco box, which he had preserved. It was a round sheet-iron box, four and a quarter inches in diameter. The balls had cut their bigness through the cover as they struck. On the other side they left a quarter of an inch between, making two holes.

In regard to the bull you shot while on sentry, Black Tom, who was then about 12 years old and lived in the settlement, says he recollects the bull being shot, but does not know who owned it.

Vanvecton, the father, who was shot, lived about 80 rods south of the place where you were stationed, and near the south side of the plain, which contains about 1250 acres. This plain was the seat of the Schaghticoke tribe of Indians, who had 1000 warriors on the ground one hundred and twenty-five years ago. Three or four, who still linger about the neighborhood, are all that remain of the tribe.

CHAPTER XXIX.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

REV. JONATHAN LIVERMORE.—BY EBENEZER HILL.

Mr. Livermore was born at Northborough, Massachusetts, December 7th, 1729, O. S., and entered a student at Harvard College in the year 1756, N. S., and graduated in 1760. Previous to his entering college the importance of the Christian religion had deeply engaged his attention. Serious impressions having been made on his mind, it was his prevailing desire to become a preacher of the gospel of Christ. His main object for acquiring a liberal education was to qualify himself for that sacred work. After he left his classical studies he soon became a preacher, and was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry in Wilton December 14, 1768.

In his public performance he was distinguished as a plain, practical preacher who was determined to deliver what he himself believed to be the truth, though in the event it might subject him to evil consequences. In his sermons he labored more for correctness of sentiment and useful observations than for the embellishment of composition. In his private walks he was strictly honest in his dealings, affable, pleasant and instructive in his conversation, and always much concerned that the people of his charge should be found in the way of their duty. He continued in his ministry at Wilton but little more than thirteen years; during which time his labors were crowned with singular success, one hundred and fifty-two persons being added to his church. Towards the close of this term, in consequence of the war with Great Britain, the situation of Mr. Livermore, as well as that of clergymen in general, was rendered extremely unpleasant. One circumstance grew out of another

until at length he found it expedient to take a dismission. Accordingly in the month of February, 1777, he resigned his office as pastor and teacher of the church in Wilton.

An ecclesiastical council was convened, who approved of the separation, while they supported his ministerial character by recommending him to other churches. After this, remaining sound in the faith, he preached occasionally in various places, as opportunity presented, and, when not called to an active part himself, he constantly attended public worship on the Sabbath to hear the discourses of others. His treatment toward his successors in office was uniformly kind and friendly. As a husband, he conducted with exemplary affection. As a father, his tenderness and care for his children were expressed by providing for their support, for their education and by endeavoring to train them up in the virtue and admonition of the Lord. As a friend, he was one in whom confidence was never misplaced. On the evening of his death, as his custom was, he read a portion of Scripture, commended himself and his family to God by prayer and then retired to rest. In about two hours after, without any apparent struggle, except a little difficulty in breathing, he slept the sleep of death.

REV. ABEL FISKE.—FROM THE FISKE GENEALOGY.

The second minister of Wilton, Rev. Abel Fiske, was born of respectable parents at Pepperell, Massachusetts, May 28, 1752. In 1774 and 1777 he received the honors of Harvard College. He studied theology with Rev. Mr. Emerson of Concord, Massachusetts in 1775 and 1776, and during part of the time was master of the Grammar School in that town, where he was beloved by his pupils and respected by the inhabitants. November 18, 1778, he was ordained in Wilton. His faithful discharge of the pastoral functions, and his steady adherence to the principles of order and good government greatly endeared him to his flock, and obtained him the high regard and confidence of his numerous friends. His death, caused by a paralytic affection of the throat, happened April 21, 1802. His intimate friend, Rev. John Bullard of Pepperell, preached an affecting sermon at his funeral, from Acts, 20: 37, 38.

REV. THOMAS BEEDE.—BY SAMUEL BARRETT STEWART.

My grandfather, Thomas Beede, third minister of the First Church, was born in Poplin, New Hampshire, November 28, 1771.

Little is known of his antecedents except that they were French and English, and that his father was a respectable farmer. In his school days he wrote his name with an accent, Beedé. There were two older sons, who married and settled in Sandwich, and three daughters, who married and lived in Gilmanton, whither the family had moved, and where Thomas was accustomed, during his ministry in Wilton, to pay an annual visit to his mother, who lived to the venerable age of ninety-two years.

From boyhood Thomas inclined to books, and in his efforts to get an education appears to have had what sympathy and encouragement the limited means of the family permitted. He used to relate that it was his habit to sit up in bed and study by candle-light long before the time for farm work to begin. In this way he fitted himself for district school-keeping. He acquired, also, an elegant style of penmanship that not only brought him a little profit but graced his letters and manuscripts through life. By such means and by other economies which only ambitious and persevering country boys know how to make, he finally made his way to Harvard College. He entered in his twenty-third year, and was graduated with the class of 1798. Among his most distinguished classmates were Channing, Tuckerman, Judge Story, Stephen Longfellow and others. His college life in company with such men must have been most delightful, if we may judge from the reminiscences preserved of it in various memoirs. Among his own letters is a pleasant account of the half-century reunion in 1848 at the house of Judge Fay. Forty-eight members graduated, but only eighteen were then living, and but fifteen were present at the meeting. The dignity of mind and nobility of feeling for which he was always distinguished must have made an early impression upon his classmates, as upon the death of Jeremiah Bowers, a junior, he was selected to deliver a funeral oration. Its beautiful and impressive spirit certainly forecast his future profession. Another of his traits was a way of looking at things practically, as appeared in an incident of his commencement forensic, where he frankly declares against "tiring the patience of a polite and respectable audience with Latin theses, and, as we are now doing, by the length of our forensic disputation," a practice now, happily, abandoned.

His mind had for a long time been settled upon the ministry, and, the summer after graduation, having been approbated to the "gospel ministry" by the Boston ministers, he preached wherever there were opportunities, all the while pursuing his studies and

teaching school to meet his expenses. He taught in Cambridge, Roxbury, Lexington, Harvard, Milford and other towns. "My earnings," he says, "from 1790 to 1800, including seven years spent in acquiring my education, were $936."

Wilton was one of the towns where he had preached, and it would appear that a good Thanksgiving sermon (November 25, 1802), and those of the following Sunday, decided the people to settle him; for after the usual church meeting, a meeting of "Freeholders and other Inhabitants" (December 16, 1802,) resulted in his receiving an invitation to be their minister. The vote was unanimous (112). A settlement of $600 was offered, and a salary of $425, to be paid annually. Some letters of explanation passed, and his acceptance was read January 22, 1803. The ordination took place on the second of March following. Rev. William Emerson of Boston, father of Ralph Waldo, preached the sermon; and the other services were rendered by Mr. Bullard of Pepperell, Mr. Clarke of Lexington, Mr. Goodridge of Lyndeborough, Mr. Barnard of Amherst, Mr. Hill of Mason and Mr. Humphrey Moore of Milford.

His ministry began very auspiciously, and it was longer than that of any other minister settled in the town. He was also the last minister settled and paid by the town. The first year's preaching awakened new interest in the church; there were eleven baptisms and fourteen admissions, which, he says in his first anniversary sermon, was a much larger number than had been recorded in any previous year.

During the winter of 1805 an event occurred that created, perhaps, a greater buzzing of tongues than the ordination or the old meeting-house raising: the minister was to be married. He was to marry Nancy Wilder, daughter of Benjamin Kimball, of Harvard. The Kimballs were cultivated people, with whom he had become acquainted while teaching. The occasion of the marriage was of double interest to the Kimballs as a sister of Nancy was to be married at the same time and place. The Wilton people, also, made great preparations to celebrate their pastor's wedding. When the day came the people all turned out upon a grand sleigh-ride to Amherst to meet the bridal party on its way from Harvard. There were over one hundred sleighs, and merry indeed must have been the jingle of marriage bells. Dinner was served at the Amherst Hotel, and the bride and bridegroom were escorted to their new

home on what came afterward to be known as Beede Hill. Here Mr. Beede had bought a farm and built a house. It was a good deal of an undertaking for him, but he had received some assurance of assistance from his father; an accident, however, having suddenly terminated his father's life, and no provision having been made for him, he had always to struggle with an incumbrance upon the property. The house stood upon a hill that rises next to the meeting-house hill, and commanded a beautiful view in all directions. He planted trees of all kinds, fruit trees and shade trees, and some of them are still standing; and there is an apple, cultivated by him as a favorite, known now as the "Beede apple," and grafted into orchards all about the town. Six children were born to them during the first twelve years, Nancy Wilder, George Kimball, Abigail, Hannah Rockwood, Thomas and Elizabeth, of whom now (1887) only Nancy and Thomas are living.

It was the custom of the times for young men aspiring to professional life to go to the minister for tuition and especially for college preparation. Among those who were inmates of Mr. Beede's family, or who came to him for instruction, were Samuel Barrett, Ephraim Peabody, Warren Burton, Daniel Rockwood, Augustus Greele, Timothy Parkhurst, Abner Flint, Joseph Hale Abbot, Isaac Spaulding and several others. He fitted some of them entirely for college. He was very popular as an instructor; his methods were clear and interesting and his spirit stimulating. An address signed by Abiel Wilson and others, expressive of their appreciation of his efforts in their behalf, shows the deep interest that he took in the education of the young people of the town. Among other things he suggested a "society for intellectual improvement." The meetings were held, at first, at his house, but the attendance grew so large that they were obliged to go into a hall. This was the beginning of a lyceum whose discussions he presided over, and before which he afterward gave frequent lectures. He exhibited a globe, and made it the subject of a lecture; it was the first globe ever seen in Wilton. The Sunday Noon Reading Room for those who stayed to the afternoon service, opened mainly through the efforts of Samuel Abbot, Esq., and, also, Rev. Dr. Abiel Abbot's gift toward a ministerial library, may, perhaps, be reckoned as the fruit of his interest in general education. He gave several lectures on music in the winter season, and in March, 1810, there is a note of his having preached before the singing school. He was himself

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very fond of music. The first Sunday School in the state was opened under his ministry in 1816, and the first sermon probably ever expressly prepared for little children by any minister in the town was given by him. His subject was "Timothy," and under the characters of Eunice and Lois he alludes to his faithful co-workers, Sarah W. Livermore and Phebe Abbot.

In the fall of 1815 he volunteered a missionary tour through Raymond, Epping and the adjoining towns. It was a month crowded with work, preaching all days of the week in school-houses and elsewhere, attending funerals, visiting the sick and the aged, and in efforts to encourage the people to more interest in religious life and work. So, at least, runs his diary. From 1818, for seven successive sessions, he was chaplain of the State Legislature. He was a prominent Mason, also; a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and Worshipful Master of the Clinton Lodge at its consecration in 1827. On all public occasions his services appear to have been very highly esteemed; his speech was dignified and impressive, he possessed a commanding figure, and his style of discourse was marked for its grace and clearness.

To his various accomplishments must be added some considerable knowledge of medicine, and the fact that he made himself useful to his poor and feeble parishioners by worldly advice as well as by spiritual consolations. He came very near to the people in all their common affairs, as he was a man with a practical understanding of all the economies of life. His ministry was in every respect paternal.

As a preacher he is remembered as having been gifted and impressive. The little trunkful of sermons we hold as a memorial of his work, show that he was given to brevity, at least. Usually he is homiletic; he illustrates the Scripture, and is rather ethical than doctrinal. If his discourses lack anything it is imagination; but that may be said of most of the sermonizing of that day. And there is a rather conspicuous absence of local allusions that would be so interesting to us today. A good many notes of sermons, however, show that he extemporized more or less, when probably his discourse was more direct to times and circumstances. In matters of controversy a kind and temperate nature made him considerate of the opinions and feelings of others. Liberal in doctrine, he seldom indulged in violent antagonism to the old theology. His position was well understood, and his teaching was regarded as heretical by the older churches; still he lived on good terms with

most of his neighbor ministers of the surrounding towns. In his valedictory discourse, in a brief rehearsal of the doctrinal character of his preaching, he says: "As for the Trinity, which of late years has almost turned the world upside down, I trust I have not been very troublesome to you, because on the most diligent examination I could not find it in the Bible. I have therefore thought it safest and most profitable to preach as Christ and His Apostles did." He adds that "on doctrinal points, especially such as are very disputable, I have not thought fit to be constantly dwelling," and that "my aim has been to employ practical subjects."

His Wilton ministry closed before the anti-slavery agitation had really set in, but one of his young parishioners, who has seen the beginning and the end of the great conflict, and to whose yet unimpaired mind we owe so many reminiscences of the past, remembers "at least one sermon upon the evil influences of slavery, and that almost every Sabbath in his supplications to the throne of grace he asked that 'God would have in His holy care and keeping those that go down to the seas in ships and do business on the mighty deep,' and that 'slavery and oppression might cease from off the earth.'" His sympathies were large and humane; and his pupil, Warren Burton, said of him that he was of "benignant countenance and gladdening smile," and that "he did not go on in exactly the old ways." Another pleasing testimony to the public esteem in which he was held is from the pen of Governor Isaac Hill:

"Thomas Beede, as a clergyman and guide, as the pattern of Christian peace and usefulness, respected by all, beloved by all, who was never known to utter a reproach, or to deserve or receive a reproach,—the name of Thomas Beede, not only in his own town of Wilton, but in all adjacent towns, is embalmed in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. Our residence was at first ten miles from Wilton, and the last thirty years forty miles; yet we have had frequent opportunities to read, learn, mark and inwardly digest his many excellent precepts, and to admire both his social and religious character. The usefulness of Mr. Beede was not confined to the desk; it was directed to the worldly, not less than the spiritual, welfare of the generation which has grown up since the commencement of the century. No clergyman of New Hampshire was better known in his native state than Thomas Beede; there are few men who have written and delivered sermons of greater practical utility, or better adapted to the improvement and edification of both youth and age; few who have better or more frequently gladdened the hearts of the

disconsolate, assuaged the grief of the mourner and the distressed, and administered the comforts of a holy hope to the sick and the dying."

But, although Mr. Beede's settlement was in some sense for life, after serving more than a quarter of a century, it seemed to him best to resign his charge into other hands. He did so accordingly March 14, 1829. It was a great pain to part from so many loving friends, and from a home that had been the scene of so much domestic joy—joy chastened, however, by many trials. It had always been a perplexing struggle between a small salary and the needs of a large family. The necessary farm work had been a care and interruption to study, and the charge of resident pupils, an increase to the domestic burden. Still the home was exemplary, and the atmosphere of it bright and as yet unclouded by sorrow. It was the longest and the happiest the family ever enjoyed.

From Wilton Mr. Beede went, the same year, to Eastport, Maine, his family following in the spring of 1830. Nancy remained behind, having been married to Stephen Abbot (Buss). His ministry there, however, lasted only a year and a half, the family meantime being generally smitten with a malarial fever, from which they were further afflicted by the death of George, the older son, at the age of 21 years. From Eastport another move was made to Farmington, Maine, where Mr. Beede remained in charge of a Liberal Society for several years, at the same time doing missionary work in towns round about, far and near, as the Farmington Society was not strong enough to give him full support. Here Hannah and Thomas were married.

In 1837 there was still another move to Duxbury, Massachusetts, where he was settled among kind friends for nearly four years. Abigail died here, and, also, her grandmother Kimball. Ten years had elapsed since their removal from Wilton, and the family group was now widely scattered, and the hearts of the father and mother were heavy with repeated sorrows and changes. From Duxbury they went to Syracuse, New York, where their daughter Nancy Abbot lived, and, after two years of teaching and preaching, returned to Farmington to live the remainder of their days with their son Thomas. Elizabeth, their youngest daughter, who had always been an invalid, died on the journey, and was buried in Farmington. Two years later, February 11, 1844, Mrs. Beede herself passed to her rest. Mr. Beede continued to preach occasionally and to render such services as his age and health permitted. A few months

previous to his death, a journey was made to his old home in Wilton; and his heart was there gladdened by an affectionate reception from the many families to whom, for so many years, he had been a dearly beloved friend and pastor, and by whose descendants his name, embalmed in pleasant memories, is now held in deepest reverence. On Thanksgiving, while visiting his daughter Hannah, he was taken suddenly sick, and, after a brief illness, died November 30, 1848.

Hannah married A. H. Stewart, of Farmington, and the writer is their only child. "Protracted physical sufferings, extending over the greater part of her married life, enforced upon her a comparative isolation from society, but she was sought out and widely beloved.' She possessed a cultivated mind, most refined tastes, a bright, uncomplaining spirit, and great moral earnestness. Everything beautiful in art and nature, in life and in character, appealed to her love and admiration. Her tuneful voice banished the solitude of invalidism, her care-taking and industrious mind the weariness of the months and years. She was patient, heroic, grateful, self-forgetting. Life was precious to her, and she made it both beautiful and useful, for it was a light shining through the house under whose mild and genial rays friends and neighbors were warmed with affection toward her, and toward the life made 'perfect through suffering.'" She died July 9, 1881. Nancy W., widow of Stephen Abbot, has for many years lived in Antioch, California. All her children and grandchildren also live in California. Thomas married Lucia M. Merrill, of Gloucester, Maine. They and their children and grandchildren now live upon the Pacific coast.

Mr. Beede's printed sermons, so far as known, are as follows:

The Duty of a Minister and People, illustrated in two discourses, March 13, 1803; Masonic Discourse at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 1806; Oration at Wilton, New Hampshire, July 4, 1809; Election Sermon, 1815; Discourse at Dublin, at the consecration of the Altamont Lodge, September 18, 1816; Discourse before the Pentucket Lodge, Lowell, Massachusetts; An Allegory of the Olive Tree, Wilton, March 30, 1817; Discourse before the General Court, November 19, 1820; Four Sermons,—Patience, The Forms and Power of Godliness, Reasons for the Christian Hope (2), 1821.

REV. STEPHEN ALFRED BARNARD.—FROM THE CHRISTIAN REGISTER.

Mr. Barnard was born in Marlborough, Massachusetts, November 26, 1803. He was the son of Stephen and Jane (Guliker) Barnard. At an early age he went to Mexico, Maine, and while there

he saved Judge Hopkinson, then a boy, from death by drowning. He graduated at the Cambridge Divinity School in 1829. January 13, 1830, he was ordained as the fourth minister of the Congregational Church in Wilton. He resigned his office April 25, 1833, and removed to Chesterfield, New Hampshire, where he was pastor of the church for five years, and where he met with the misfortune of having his house burned. He ministered for several years to different churches in Athol, Massachusetts, Easton and Southborough. In 1847 he went to Lancaster, New Hampshire, where he had a ministry of six years. He then preached for twelve years at Willsborough, New York, and for two years at Ashford, Connecticut. His voice failing, he went to reside at Lansing, Michigan, with his son William Alfred, a graduate of the Chandler Scientific School at Darthmouth College, and the State Engineer of Michigan. August 29, 1831, he married, in Wilton, Persis Burton, sister of Rev. Warren Burton, who with her five children survives him. He died at Lansing, June 24, 1882, of old age and paralysis. The latter part of his life he became an Orthodox Congregational preacher. He was an earnest and devout Christian man, and was respected for his good and upright life.

SAMUEL ABBOT.—BY CHARLES H. ATHERTON.

Samuel Abbot was born at Wilton, on the 30th of March, 1786, being the eleventh of the twelve children of Abiel Abbot, a respectable farmer, and one of the early settlers of that town. Their praiseworthy and painstaking parent gave a liberal education to three of his sons; namely, Abiel, now the Rev. Abiel Abbot, D. D., of Peterborough; the Rev. Jacob Abbot, late of Windham, deceased, and Samuel, the subject of this memoir. Samuel pursued his preparatory studies in part under his brother Abiel, but was fitted for college chiefly at the public school at Andover, Massachusetts, then much celebrated for the accuracy of its instruction and the scholars it offered for admission to the university. He was graduated in 1808, and soon after entered the office of C. H. Atherton, Esq., of Amherst, as a student at law. He was admitted to the bar in 1812, commenced the practice of his profession at Wilton, and soon removed to Dunstable, now Nashua.

In 1817 he opened his office at Ipswich, in the county of Essex, Massachusetts. Here his professional efforts were favorably noticed by the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court as indicating a well disciplined and argumentative mind; and he would undoubtedly have met

with success at the bar if his tastes had corresponded with the duties of his profession. It much better accorded with Mr. Abbot's feelings to pay the debt of a poor man than to pocket the fee of a suit against him. His profession was no favorite with him, and he surrendered the prospects it offered to the natural bent of his mind in following a course of general reading, and particularly in attending to chemistry and the mechanic arts, which had long been favorite pursuits with him, with a view of applying them to the useful purposes of life. Prior to his going to Ipswich, Mr. Atherton availed himself of the classical knowledge of his student in preparing for college his son, C. G. Atherton, late a Senator in Congress, for which purpose, on solicitation, he resided for a time in Mr. Atherton's family.

Mr. Abbot was a student from his youth to the time of his death, and his literary and scientific acquirements were extensive and various. To his accurate acquaintance with classical literature, he added a respectable fund of information in most of the discoveries of modern science, so that it was difficult to touch on any subject, however abstruse, with which he had not made himself acquainted, and on which he could not throw light and give information. The peculiar characteristics of his mind were accuracy, caution and clearness. With a quickness almost like intuition, he detected the weakness or fallacy of an argument, and no man saw more clearly its legitimate application, or the point at which its force ceased. So, in experimental philosophy, such was his caution that he was seldom, if ever, misled by his facts to form an erroneous theory. In 1828 when the "pneumatic paradox," as it was called, was attracting the attention of scholars, and no satisfactory explanation of it had been found, he first suggested its true theory. This was afterwards experimentally proved by his nephew, Joseph H. Abbot, in an article published in the American Journal of Science and Arts. In 1837–8 he detected the fallacy of the instrument called the "Geometer," to which the attention of Congress was then called as a discovery in magnetism by which the latitude, as well as the north pole, was supposed to be indicated.

Theology was a favorite pursuit with him, and without being a religious disputant, he was well versed in the history of the church and of its various sects. Very few among the clergy were better skilled in Biblical criticism, or better acquainted with the religious controversies of the day. Tolerant and kind to all Christian sects, he embraced the Unitarian, as distinguished from the Trinitarian,

faith. It was, however, as a beloved townsman, as a parishioner and church member, and as a friend of the young, that Mr. Abbot's philanthropy and usefulness particularly displayed itself. His object seemed to be to do good to the community with which he was immediately connected. Was anything projected for the good of the town? Mr. Abbot was an active and efficient promoter of it. Were there any difficulties in the church? He was the counsellor and peace-maker. Was any young man of promise struggling with poverty, to acquire an education? Mr. Abbot's advice and purse were freely tendered to him. In establishing and sustaining a town lyceum, in creating libraries for the town, for the parish, for the Sunday school, and for the Sabbath reading room, he was a leading agent and a liberal contributor. He beneficially represented his town in the Legislature of the state four years; and as a member of their superintending school committee, as a superintendent of the Sunday school and a lecturer before the lyceum, and by the lively interest he took in the morals and education of the young, he has conferred benefits on the rising generation, the extent and magnitude of which cannot be calculated. If he did not create, he has at least done much to sustain and perpetuate in his native town that standard of good morals and that taste for reading and education, by which Wilton has been so honorably distinguished in the excellent men and accomplished scholars which have proceeded from her loins, and who now sparkle as gems of high price,—an honor to the town and a blessing to the country.

There is in most men a lamentable mixture of good and bad qualities, of opposite biases; a conflict to preserve the ascendancy of that which is good; but occasionally, and blessed be God that it is so, we find an individual in whom the seeds of evil seem not so much to have been conquered as never to have existed in his bosom. Such a man was Samuel Abbot. Any mean, dishonorable, unjust or vicious act or wish seems to have been as remote from him as if such acts or wishes had no existence anywhere, or were physically impossible. Is this enviable singularity of character to be attributed to early parental management and education, to a constitutional superiority of the moral and intellectual powers over the passions, or to the happy and harmonious co-operation of both these causes? That, under the parental roof, order and the law of kindness prevailed is well attested. There was good sense and a fondness for reading. There were religious observances and a constant attendance on public worship. There were no excesses of

severities, the eldest of the children having no recollection of seeing their parent in a passion. That Samuel was blessed with high intellectual powers does not admit of a question; and that he had a delicate, and, when developed, a strong, moral sense is also true. His life was guided by the dictates of an enlightened conscience. He felt and exhibited strong and decided marks of disapprobation, but, like his father, was never known to be in a passion.

It may now very naturally be asked why a man of such uncommon acquirements and virtues attracted no greater general notice; why such a flower was left to shed its fragrance in so limited a sphere. The answer is obvious and satisfactory. He was a man of uncommon meekness and modesty. No ambition for professional or political preferment beset him. Retiring in his feelings, averse to all show and forth-putting, he abandoned a profession regarded as the common highway to distinction, and took, from choice, that course of life which best agreed with his peaceful disposition and his peaceful-pursuits. The acquirement of knowledge and the consciousness that he was useful, satisfied all his worldly aspirations.

It is remarkable that the two brothers, Jacob and Samuel, alike distinguished for caution and circumspection, equally free from all rashness and precipitancy,—that these careful and reflecting men should, both of them, in the providence of God, have been cut off in the midst of life, health and usefulness, by what are called accidents, which men of much general prudence would have avoided. The death of Jacob Abbot occurred by attempting to cross a pond in an overloaded and leaky canoe; the death of Samuel by entering a building on fire! So true it is—

> "There's a Divinity that shapes our ends,
> Rough-hew them how we will."

Major Abiel Abbot, the father of Samuel, was a staunch Whig, an officer of the militia during the Revolutionary war, often the representative from Wilton to the General Court, and was much intrusted with the business of the town; he was the guardian of orphans, the friend of the widow and the helper of the poor. He formed an excellent farm out of the wilderness, encountering, with perseverance and fortitude, all the fatigues and inconveniences of a new settlement. Of twelve children, ten lived to adult age. All of them were well educated, and three of them were graduated at Harvard College. The man who, with such means and under such circumstances, brought up such a family, and so educated them, is surely

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entitled to honorable remembrance. He was the son of Captain John Abbot, of Andover, who was descended, in the fifth generation, from George Abbot, who emigrated from Yorkshire, England, and settled in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1643. Samuel, the subject of this memoir, was never married. The descendants of his American progenitors were numerous, and their branches now extend to almost every state in the Union.*

REV. AMOS ABBOTT.—BY AMOS ABBOTT.

Amos Abbott, son of Jeremiah Abbott, was born June 2, 1812, in Wilton, and was the sixth in a family of ten children. When about sixteen years of age he entered Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, to fit for college, but ill health obliged him at the end of a year to return home. Subsequently he resolved to become a teacher, and entered the Teachers' Seminary in Andover for the purpose of qualifying himself for that office. After due preparation offers of various situations were made to him, but he concluded to accept one from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions as superintendent of schools of the Muratta Mission in India.

He married, May 12, 1834, Anstice Wilson, the eldest daughter of Captain David Wilson of Wilton, and on the twenty-third of the same month they sailed from Boston in the bark Corvo for Bombay. After a voyage of four months they reached their destination, and pursued their journey by land to Ahmednuggur, a mission station 170 miles in the interior. Upon their arrival they found a Muratta school for boys, and also an English school. After nine months' study of the people and their language Mr. and Mrs. Abbott drew up a system for the management of the schools and the pay of the teachers, and started several schools in Ahmednuggur and the vicinity. In the autumn of 1835 they organized a normal boarding school, called the Boys' Seminary, in which Mrs. Abbott had charge of the boys' clothing and the religious teaching of the mothers who brought them their food. She also superintended the girls' school. Mr. Abbott taught personally in the boys' school. Once a month all the mission schools, fifteen in number, were visited. The system was continued fourteen years with some variations. While thus

* Mr. Atherton's sketch of the life and character of Samuel Abbot was printed in the Collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society, Vol. VI., pages 205–211. Mr. Abbot lost his life, January 2, 1839, in the fire which destroyed the starch factory at Jaffrey, New Hampshire. For his connection with the manufacture of starch, see *ante*, page 163.

engaged in teaching and in superintending the schools, time was taken for studying the language and for preparing school books and religious tracts in the native language, some of which are still extant; the arithmetic has been in use in the mission schools for more than forty years. In 1846 Mr. Abbott was licensed as a preacher, but ill health compelled him and his wife, with their five children, to return to America in 1847, and to seek release from the American Board. Contrary to expectation, Mr. Abbott's health improved, and he engaged during several years in canvassing for the Bible Society, in teaching, and in domestic missions in Portsmouth, Manchester and elsewhere in his native state.

With reëstablished health, and a yearning to return to their former missionary field, came urgent invitations to them from the missionaries and native Christians, and, with the approbation of the Prudential Committee, they went to Andover, where Mr. Abbott attended the Theological Seminary one year, and was then ordained in Portsmouth as a foreign missionary. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott then returned to India, taking with them their four youngest children, and leaving three older ones in America. Their eldest daughter, E. Augusta, had married Rev. S. C. Dean, and had joined the Muratta Mission several months before. The parents on returning to India chose for the centre of their field of labor Rahoosee, a village about twenty-four miles north of Ahmednuggur. They were placed in charge of a church, and were mostly engaged in teaching and preaching there and in the surrounding district. Four more churches were soon organized, and thus they were in charge of five churches, some of which had native preachers and pastors over them. In 1867 Rev. S. C. Dean, who was in charge of the Satara field, found it necessary to come to America, and Mr. Abbott and family left Rahoosee and took charge of the Satara field and its out-stations. Here there were two churches and several schools with native assistants. In 1869 the ill health of both Mr. and Mrs. Abbott again compelled them to return to America and to seek release from the American Board.

After their second return Mr. Abbott, to increase his medical knowledge, went through a course of study in the medical college in Philadelphia, received a diploma and practised medicine a few years in Nashua, but in 1874 they removed to Nebraska. Subsequently they took up their abode with a married daughter in the Isle of Wight, England, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Dean live in Plymouth, Nebraska; Miss Anstice Abbott is in

charge of the Bennet Seminary for young ladies in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The third daughter, Chloe, labored some years in the Zenana Mission in India, was compelled to leave by failing health, and is now living in the Isle of Wight, as is also Mr. Abbott's fourth daughter, Emily, who married Major George A. Jacob of the Indian service. The oldest son, Amos W., is professor in the medical college of Minneapolis. The next son, Albert A., lives in Steele City, Nebraska, and is engaged in stock raising. The youngest son, Justin E., is a missionary of the American Board in Bombay. The three sons were all graduates of Dartmouth College.

PROF. JAMES DASCOMB.—BY GEORGE L. DASCOMBE.

James Dascomb, son of James Dascomb, Jun., and grandson of James Dascomb, who settled in Wilton in 1767, was born in Wilton, New Hampshire, February 21, 1808. Until he was seventeen years old he worked on his father's farm, attending the district school as he had opportunity. He then attended a few terms at an academy at Concord, Vermont, after which he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. J. Scobey, a physician residing in that place. He studied one season under the instruction of the medical professors of Dartmouth College, and received the degree of M. D. from that institution in 1832. He commenced the practice of medicine in Boscawen, New Hampshire, but did not long remain there. He was, in 1833, appointed professor of chemistry, botany and physiology in Oberlin College, which was then being founded in the midst of a wilderness in northern Ohio, and this position he occupied for forty-four years.

In April, 1834, he was united in marriage with Marianne Tenney Parker of Dunbarton, New Hampshire, who was an efficient helper in the work of education, being the principal of the ladies' department in Oberlin College for nearly a score of years, and an active member of the Ladies' Board of Managers until her last sickness. The newly wedded pair started immediately for the scene of their future labors. A part of the journey was performed in a boat on the Erie Canal, and the last few miles through mud of almost fabulous depth in a springless lumber wagon. They arrived at Oberlin three days after the opening of the school in connection with which the remainder of their lives was spent. The terms in the institution were so arranged as to have a long vacation in the winter. Some of these vacations, in the early part of his connection with the college, Dr. Dascomb spent in supplementing his limited

preparatory education, but later they were passed in lecturing in neighboring colleges. The last outside labor which he performed was as professor of chemistry and toxicology in the medical department of the University of Wooster at Cleveland, Ohio. In 1878, at the age of seventy years, on account of failing health, he retired as professor emeritus from active service, and two years later his useful life was ended, just one year after the death of his estimable wife.

PROF. ADDISON HOWARD FOSTER.—FROM THE CLASS BOOK OF '63, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Addison H. Foster, son of Benjamin Tenney and Abigail (Howard) Foster, was born at Wilton, New Hampshire, November 13, 1838. His father was a farmer and tanner. He was fitted for college at Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, entered Dartmouth College in 1859 and continued through the course. After graduating he studied medicine with Drs. William D. Buck and L. B. How of Manchester, New Hampshire, attended medical lectures at the Dartmouth Medical School in the fall of 1864, and graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in March, 1866. He practised medicine in Lawrence, Massachusetts, until he removed to Chicago in March, 1868, where he has since remained in practice. He held the chair of surgical anatomy in the Women's Medical College, Chicago, from 1870 to 1873, and that of surgery from 1873 to 1875. He has been consulting physician to the Women's Hospital from 1875 to the present time, 1884, and medical examiner for the New England Life Insurance Company of Boston since 1866, and principal examiner for the same in Chicago since 1870. He married Miss Susan M. Houghton of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, September 18, 1866.

PROF. AMOS WILSON ABBOTT.—FROM THE CLASS BOOK OF '63, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Amos Wilson Abbott, son of Amos and Anstice (Wilson) Abbott, was born January 6, 1844, in India, where his father was a missionary. He was fitted for college at Phillips Andover Academy, entered Dartmouth College in 1859, and left before graduation in the fall of 1861. He enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Regiment, N. H. V., in August, 1862, and served until August, 1863. From 1864 to 1868 he was employed in the pay department of the United States Army. He graduated from the College of

Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1869; and was resident physician in a hospital there till 1870. From 1870 to 1877 he practised medicine in Delhi, New York; then he removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he enjoys a very successful practice and is professor of anatomy in the Medical College. He married, August 19, 1880, Helen G. Wright of Delhi, New York. They have one child, Harold Wilson, born August 6th, 1882.

REV. ABIEL ABBOT, D. D.

Dr. Abbot was born in Wilton, December 14, 1765, was the eldest son of Abiel Abbot and Dorcas (Abbot) Abbot, and was of the sixth generation from George Abbot, one of the first settlers of Andover, Massachusetts. After due preparation he entered Harvard College in 1783, and graduated in 1787. After teaching in Andover Academy about two years, and pursuing a course of theological study, he served as tutor in Harvard College for one year. In October, 1795, he was ordained as minister of the first church in Coventry, Connecticut. Owing to difference of opinion between him and the church, he left Coventry in June, 1811, and the September following was chosen principal of Dummer Academy, Byfield, Massachusetts. He continued in this office until 1819, when he resigned, and removed to a farm in North Andover, on the present site of a portion of the manufacturing city of Lawrence. He next removed to Chelmsford, where he and his youngest daughter taught a private school. After his removal from Chelmsford, and a temporary sojourn in Wilton, he was invited to the pastorate of the Congregational Unitarian Church of Peterborough, New Hampshire, where he was installed in June, 1827. He continued to preach until March, 1839, when a colleague, Rev. Curtis Cutler, was settled to assist him in his labors. In 1848 he resigned his charge, and removed to West Cambridge, now Arlington, Massachusetts, to reside with his grandson, Rev. Samuel Abbot Smith, the pastor of the Unitarian Church. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Harvard College in 1838. He died suddenly December 31, 1859. Among his occasional publications were a sermon preached at North Coventry, Connecticut, July 4, 1799; Right Hand of Fellowship addressed to Cornelius Adams at his ordination, 1805; a statement of the proceedings in the First Church of Coventry, Connecticut, terminating in the removal of the pastor, with an address to his late people, 1811; address before the

Essex Agricultural Society at its first exhibition in Danvers, Massachusetts, 1811.

He married, in 1796, Elizabeth Abbot, daughter of Captain John Abbot of Andover. They had three daughters: Elizabeth, who married Rev. John A. Douglas of Waterford, Maine, Abigail, and Sarah Dorcas, who married Samuel G. Smith of Peterborough.

Dr. Abbot was one of the best of men. His sermons were earnest and practical, and Judge Smith of Exeter pronounced him one of the best preachers he ever heard. He addressed the reason and judgment more than the imagination or feelings. His grandson, Rev. S. A. Smith, said that "during the last winter of his life (he was then ninety-three years old) he made it a point to read every day two chapters of the New Testament, critically, in the original Greek, and often asked me what I thought of this interpretation or that of some difficult passage. In the evenings of that winter I read to him several treatises of Cicero, among others, *De Oratore* and *De Senectute*. I continued this till the last Friday before his death, and I remember on that evening he let the usual hour of retiring go by in his interest in what was read. Thus did he keep up his interest in the studies and pursuits of his active life, and thus his mind and heart continued growing to the very end."

REV. JACOB ABBOT.

He was born in Wilton, January 7, 1768, and was the second son of Major Abiel Abbot. He had the common school education of that period, was fitted for college at Andover Academy, and by a Mr. Birge, a teacher in Wilton. He graduated at Harvard College in 1792, and taught school in Billerica, at the same time studying theology with the assistance of Rev. Dr. Henry Cumings, one of the noted divines of that day. He continued his studies at Cambridge until he was admitted to the ministry, and preached for a time in Gilead, Connecticut. But eventually he received a call to Hampton Falls, and was ordained there August 15, 1798. In 1809 he was invited to take charge of Dummer Academy, Byfield, Massachusetts, but, by the advice of his brethren in the ministry, he declined the appointment. He continued as the minister of the Hampton Falls society until April 1, 1826, when he resigned his office and removed to Windham. Mr. Abbot was greatly respected and beloved, not only by his own church, but by the societies and the people of the vicinity. He was a trustee of Phillips Exeter

Academy for many years, and of the Adams Female Academy in Derry, New Hampshire. He received, as pupils and boarders in his family, many young men who had been suspended from college, and his instruction and influence in these cases were of a most beneficial character. Many testimonials of recognition and gratitude from them and their friends proved their appreciation of his services. After his removal to Windham he continued his useful and active life by preaching in neighboring parishes, and to a society formed in Windham. He also superintended the schools of the town.

The circumstances of his death were deeply afflictive. On Sunday, November 2, 1834, as he was crossing a pond on his return from meeting, the boat was upset, and he and a neighbor who was with him were drowned. The event carried deep sorrow into every community in which he had been known. Dr. Sprague, the chronicler of the American pulpit, says of him that "his sermons were written with great logical correctness, luminous simplicity and classical purity." "In his family he was a model of conjugal and parental dignity and tenderness." He married, in 1802, Catharine Thayer, a daughter of Rev. Ebenezer Thayer of Hampton, and they had a family of ten children, of whom nine were married, and five still survive.

DEACON JOSEPH SMITH. — WRITTEN FOR THE WILTON JOURNAL BY I. S. LINCOLN.

Died in Wilton the 16th instant [March 16, 1883,] Deacon Joseph Smith, aged ninety-five years and five months. He was buried from the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. George C. Trow, assisted by Rev. I. S. Lincoln and Rev. Henry D. Dix. Very many were present to pay their hearty respect to the moral worth of this oldest fellow-citizen. He was one of the original members of the Baptist Church of this town some seventy years ago, and for many years a worthy deacon of the church. He had strong religious convictions, strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his precious Saviour, to whose cause he consecrated his talents and the material wealth which he labored earnestly and honestly to acquire. Few men have thus earned and given so much for the support of gospel preaching. In his last days his most earnest word of exhortation to his fellow-disciples was, "Brethren, love one another." For a few years past he was blind, but his organ of spiritual vision was clear and bright. With

the eye of Christian faith and hope he looked on heaven with all its attractions as his sweet, eternal home. The light and hope of this faith impressed itself on his countenance as his silent remains lay in his coffin, reflecting the serenity and beauty of heaven. The good fruits of his long cherished Christian faith commend his useful life to the imitation of all.

REV. URIAH SMITH.

He was born in Wilton, May 2, 1832. In early life one of his limbs became diseased, and it was amputated by Dr. Twitchell of Keene. By request he has furnished the following biographical sketch, dated November 27, 1884:

"I remained in my native place, West Wilton, with the exception of two terms of schooling I took at the academy at Hancock in the autumn of 1845 and the autumn of 1846. From 1848 to 1851 I was at Phillips Academy at Exeter, where I completed my studies fitting me to enter the sophomore class at Harvard, which I intended to do, after working one year to improve my finances. My father's sickness and death, in 1852, somewhat interfered with my plans, and after that I was solicited to take a position in the Review and Herald office. I concluded to do so, and connected myself with the office, then located at Rochester, New York, in the spring of 1853. In 1855 the office was moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, and I was elected editor of the paper, and, with the exception of a few brief intervals, have occupied the position to the present time. Beside my editorial work, I have prepared several books for the press, and now have upon the market, in the line of bound books, beside some tracts and pamphlets, the following: 'Diagram of Parliamentary Rules;' 'A Word for the Sabbath;' 'The United States in Prophecy;' 'Synopsis of the Present Truth;' 'The Sanctuary and its Cleansing;' 'Man's Nature and Destiny,' and 'Thoughts on the Books of Daniel and the Revelation.' This last is a volume of 848 pages, sold by subscription in styles of binding ranging in price from $3.50 to $5.00. The aggregate number of copies now printed is 35,000, and the sale is rapidly increasing. In 1873 I invented, for the use of our college in this city, an automatic folding school seat. It met with such favor that a company was organized in this place for its manufacture, 'The Union School Furniture Company,' to which I sold my patent on very good terms to myself, and the company are making an immense success of it. My life is at present an exceedingly busy one. In addition to my office work, I

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am secretary of our General Conference, secretary of our Educational Society, a member of our Publishing Board; I occupy the chair of Biblical Exegesis and Ecclesiastical History in Battle Creek College, beside supplying the Tabernacle pulpit, when no other help is present. Since the 15th of August I have attended camp meetings at Syracuse, New York; Worcester, Massachusetts; Burlington, Vermont; Portland, Maine; Columbus, Ohio; Jackson, Michigan; Omaha, Nebraska; and at Independence, Missouri. In October I attended the dedication of South Lancaster Academy, South Lancaster, Massachusetts. But my health is excellent and I enjoy my labor."

HON. CHARLES H. BURNS.—BY R. M. WALLACE.

Charles H. Burns, son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Burns, was born in Milford, January 19, 1835. Mr. Burns spent his early years upon his father's farm, and there developed that strength and good constitution with which he is so admirably equipped for the battle of life. He early evinced a desire for an education, and after getting what assistance he could from the common schools of Milford, which were always of a high order, he entered the Appleton Academy of New Ipswich, at that time under the management of Professor Quimby, from which institution he graduated in 1854.

For some time he had entertained the purpose of entering the legal profession, for which he had already exhibited an aptitude. He read law in the office of Colonel O. W. Lull, in Milford, and subsequently attended the Harvard Law School, where he graduated in the class of 1858. In May of the same year he was admitted to the Suffolk bar in Massachusetts, and in October following he was admitted to the New Hampshire bar. In January, 1859, Mr. Burns commenced the practice of the law at Wilton, where he has since resided, although of late years his extended practice through Hillsborough County and the state has necessitated the removal of his office to Nashua. He commenced his professional labors, as every young man must who has no one to rely upon but himself, with the smaller and more ordinary kinds of legal work; but by slow degrees he has risen, until today he is one of the most successful lawyers in New Hampshire, and his practice includes the highest order of cases. Mr. Burns, although a good lawyer in all branches of his profession, especially excels as an advocate. He is, what most of our lawyers and even public speakers are not, a natural orator.

The whole bent and inclination of his mind has, from his earliest years, always been in this direction. He has given himself a thorough training and practice, at the bar, on the stump and on all those varied occasions when a public speaker is called upon to address the people. This natural talent, thus trained, has made him a clear-cut, incisive and polished orator, who never fails to hold and impress his audience. It can be said of him, what can be said of very few men, that he excels in advocacy and general oratory. His arguments before juries best illustrate his power as a speaker, while his public addresses exhibit his peculiar charm as an orator. As an advocate he ranks among the first in the New Hampshire bar. As an orator he compares favorably with our best public speakers. He has held various important offices in the line of his profession. In 1876 he was appointed by Governor Cheney county solicitor for Hillsborough County, and was subsequently reëlected to that office by the people; the constitution in the meantime having been changed so as to make the office elective instead of appointive. He held this office in all seven years, and discharged satisfactorily the difficult and delicate duties of a prosecuting officer in a large county. In February, 1881, he was appointed United States district attorney of New Hampshire, and in February, 1885, was reappointed to that office, bringing to the performance of its duties the same zeal and fidelity which he does to all his professional labors.

Mr. Burns has been a life-long Republican. His father, Charles A. Burns, was an active and prominent anti-slavery worker in that little band of anti-slavery agitators which existed in Milford. Young Burns, when a boy, was brought in contact with such men as Parker Pillsbury, Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison and Frederic Douglass, and imbibed the sentiments with which they were animated, so that by force of these influences he was naturally a Republican, welcoming this party as the means to carry out the principles of emancipation and freedom. When quite young his interest in the Republican cause, together with his aptitude for public speaking, led him to take the stump for his party. For years he has performed in this way the most efficient service for the Republican party, and today is one of its ablest and most eloquent stump-speakers. Mr. Burns was elected county treasurer of Hillsborough County in 1864 and 1865. He was also a member of the New Hampshire State Senate in 1873 and again in 1879, and in both years was chairman of the Judiciary Committee and took a

prominent part in directing and shaping the legislation of those years. In 1879 he was appointed by Governor Head on his staff as judge advocate general, with the rank of brigadier general. He was a delegate at large to the National Republican Convention at Cincinnati in 1876, and represented the New Hampshire delegation on the Committee on Resolutions. He was one of the three New Hampshire delegates who strenuously opposed Mr. Blaine's nomination for presidency, at first voting for Mr. Bristow, and finally for Mr. Hayes. He was selected to preside at the Republican State Convention held at Concord September 10, 1878, and upon assuming the chair made one of his characteristic speeches. The speech was delivered just after the Greenback party had won a victory in Maine, and when the public mind was full of false theories, and the high ground taken by the speaker in favor of honest money and national faith created a deep impression throughout the state. It was everywhere commended as a strong and forcible presentation of the issues of the hour.

Mr. Burns is a man of scholarly tastes and habits; he has a fine law library, one of the best in the state, and a choice and valuable collection of miscellaneous books. He is an honorary member of the New Hampshire Historical Society and also of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. In 1874 Dartmouth College conferred on Mr. Burns the honorary degree of A. M. He is a life-long and prominent Mason, having taken thirty-two degrees in that order. He has also been master of the lodge with which he is connected.

DAVID WHITING.—BY CHARLES H. BURNS.

David Whiting is the son of Oliver and Fanny (Stiles) Whiting, and was born at the old Whiting homestead, now the county farm, in Wilton, August 26, 1810. Oliver Whiting was a native of Temple, and a successful farmer. He was a strong, sensible, resolute man, and acquired a competence. He had four children, of whom David was the only son. He located upon a large farm in Wilton, and carried it on until declining years prevented his giving active attention to it, when David took control, and ultimately succeeded to its ownership. David Whiting is, therefore, a native of Wilton, and, with the exception of a few years, has always lived there. His life has been one of great usefulness. He received the ordinary instructions of the district school in his neighborhood, but

the school was seldom, if ever, kept for more than two months in the year, and then in the winter. In summer he did not attend, but worked on his father's farm. He began to work almost as soon as he commenced to walk, and he has never been idle since. At the age of eight he did the chores and took care of the cattle. Although his school days and the hours spent in reading and studying books were few, he has, through his keen observing powers, acquired a large store of practical information, and has become a business man of unusual intelligence. With a body aglow with health, knit together with muscles as strong as steel, and which has never been hurt by intemperance or abuse, and with a mind as clear and bright as sunlight, it is not strange that we find him, at the age of seventy-five, full of vigor and enterprise, pushing along with all the enthusiasm of youth. It is useful to record the life of such a man. It affords an instance of what perseverance, enterprise, courage and fidelity will do. Mr. Whiting possesses all these traits, hence his success.

Before he was twenty years old he kept a store in Temple, for awhile, belonging to his father; subsequently he went to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and there erected a building in which he carried on trade for some three years, and in the meantime built and sold three dwelling-houses. He then sold out at Fitchburg, and returned to Wilton and his father's farm. He bought the farm and carried it on for many years. Mr. Whiting married, October 5, 1830, Emma, daughter of Isaac Spalding of Wilton. He was more than fortunate in his marriage. In all of his years since and in every undertaking he has been aided by the intelligent assistance of his wife, who is a lady of rare beauty of character, and whose domestic life has been the chief charm of Mr. Whiting's beautiful home.

About two years after his purchase of the old homestead, the barn, with one hundred and fifty tons of hay, was burned. This was a severe loss. He had from fifty to seventy-five head of cattle, and winter was approaching. There was no time to be lost. In this emergency Mr. Whiting's grit and courage were manifest. Storms test ships; so difficulties and trials test men. He secured a company of men, went into the woods and cut the trees and turned them into lumber, and in about one month completed a barn one hundred and twenty feet by forty, which still stands, a monument to his courage and perseverance in the most trying circumstances. Mr. Whiting in time made his farm one of the most valuable in

the state. It was one of the largest, and possibly the largest dairy farm in the state, but it did not satisfy him. He wanted more business.*

The visitor to the thrifty town of Wilton can see on every hand the evidences of the enterprise of David Whiting & Sons. It is fair to say that to the indomitable enterprise of David Whiting the town owes more than to any other person. His force and industry have, for a full half-century, been a source of encouragement to all with whom he has associated. In 1866 Mr. Whiting erected a large hotel in Wilton. For years he was its landlord. He was a model one. Under his management the Whiting House became a famous summer resort. In 1874, in a disastrous conflagration which visited the town, it was burned, and was never rebuilt. The site was subsequently presented to the town by Mr. Whiting, and is now occupied by the new Town House. He has twice represented the town in the state Legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, October 5, 1880, celebrated their golden wedding. He was seventy; she was sixty-seven years old. It was a memorable occasion. Children, grandchildren and friends from far and near gathered to the charming home of the worthy couple in Wilton, and all were received with that genuine hospitality for which Mr. and Mrs. Whiting are so well known. More than three hundred were present and entertained. The day and evening were spent in pleasant reminiscences, in merry-making, song and dance. Many were the tokens of love and respect that were left with them; and these, with the earnest words spoken, indicated the esteem in which they are held by their kinsmen, townsmen and friends. David Whiting is a strong, earnest man. The world needs such men.

HON. JOSEPH NEWELL.

Joseph Newell was born in Reading, Massachusetts, in the year 1794. His father died soon after, so that he had no recollection of him. His mother married, for her second husband, John Cofran of Charlestown, Massachusetts, where the family, consisting of two sons and two daughters, were brought up. After leaving school, Joseph was placed in a store, and afterwards went into the West

* We omit here the account of the milk business, for which see Chapter XXVI. of this History.

India goods business in Charlestown Square under the firm-name of Newell & Thompson, where the firm carried on an extensive business with the country towns of Vermont and New Hampshire, exchanging goods for the country products, which in those days were brought down by the slow process of teaming.

In 1823 he felt obliged to make a change, on account of ill health, to a climate free from east winds and salt air, and his step-father, John Cofran, who had been obliged to take a place in Wilton for debt, advised his son to go to this place as an experiment, and see how it might agree with him. He had married Lavina Hopkins, daughter of Colonel Samuel Hopkins of Wilmington, Massachusetts, the year previous, and with his young wife he started for New Hampshire, never once thinking that his stay would be more than temporary; but his health became so much improved by the pure air that he concluded to remain for a time, and commenced business in the middle of Wilton. At that time all the business of the town centered there, and the country store was the grand rendezvous for all the town's people to exchange, not only their products, but their sentiments and opinions on all important questions of the day. The hall over the store was the caucus room; adjoining was a large Free Masons' hall; the post-office was connected with the store; therefore one may readily see the many attractions of the central store of one of those old New England towns, where not only the affairs of the town, but those of the state and nation as well, were discussed, oftentimes in a most exciting manner.

At this period New Hampshire seemed to have taken a life lease of the Democratic party. Democracy was the law, if not the gospel, of both town and state for many long years, while the struggling minority were ever working to free themselves from the bondage of the dominant party, occasionally encouraged but only to be defeated. Joseph Newell was always one of the staunch, hopeful opposition, —a Webster Whig from the start. In this he was decided and fearless, but annually on town meeting day was obliged to succumb to the will of the majority. It will be seen that he occupied a barren field for political promotion. He clung to the Whig party, while it lasted, with the tenacity of life, but when the dissolving elements set in he took to what he considered the next best landing, the Republican party, although with many regrets. In 1865 and 1866 he was elected to the state Senate, which was the only political office he ever held; and perhaps here I cannot better illustrate

a point in his character than by an extract taken from the Nashua Telegraph:

> The late Hon. Joseph Newell of Wilton was a positive man. He had a mind of his own, as the saying is, and trusted in his own judgment. It is related of him that when in the Senate, counsel desired to argue a pending measure; "You may argue it all day," said Mr. Newell, "my mind is made up." And it turned out that it was made up against the counsel.

He was a constant attendant and supporter of the Unitarian Society of the town, and in former days his house was always open to the gatherings of the clergy, which were frequent in those times; and if he did not fully endorse the creed or belief of that denomination at that time, it must be confessed that the gulf was not widened as time went on with the development of more liberal ideas.

When the railroad from Nashua was extended to Wilton, it completely changed the old town, and all the business forsook the old haunts of trade for the terminus of the railroad on the bank of the river in the eastern part of the town. The subject of our sketch was not long in determining the only course left for him to take. He at once erected a store and house and afterwards other buildings, and removed his business to this more thriving situation, where he continued to take an interest in the many enterprises of the town until 1857, when his wife died, and he then commenced to close up his business. While the old town was fast going to decay on account of its new rival, till it might have almost reminded one of Goldsmith's Deserted Village, yet he could never entertain the thought of parting with his old home, surrounded as it is with charming scenery of woods and streams and with a bold outlook on the grand old Temple hills, which he so much enjoyed to look upon in after life. Besides, in this house, built in 1800, his four children were born and the best and happiest days of his life were spent. With these feelings he was prompted to offer the old store and the adjoining buildings to his younger son, C. H. Newell, who immediately altered it into a spacious summer residence. The old homestead he gave to his eldest son, George A. Newell, who made extensive repairs and alterations, and still occupies it during the summer months. These, and other improvements, made the place an attractive home during the last days of the old gentleman's life, and one which he never failed to enjoy.

Joseph Newell in any position in life would have been called a character. He was, as has been said, a positive man. His nature was not of a frivolous kind; of deception he had none, but he had

a firm determination and decided opinions, strongly tinctured with a true sense of justice. He might be regarded among men like a bowlder on the landscape, firm and immovable. An extract from an obituary, printed in the Nashua Telegraph at the time of his death, may not be inappropriate in closing this brief sketch:

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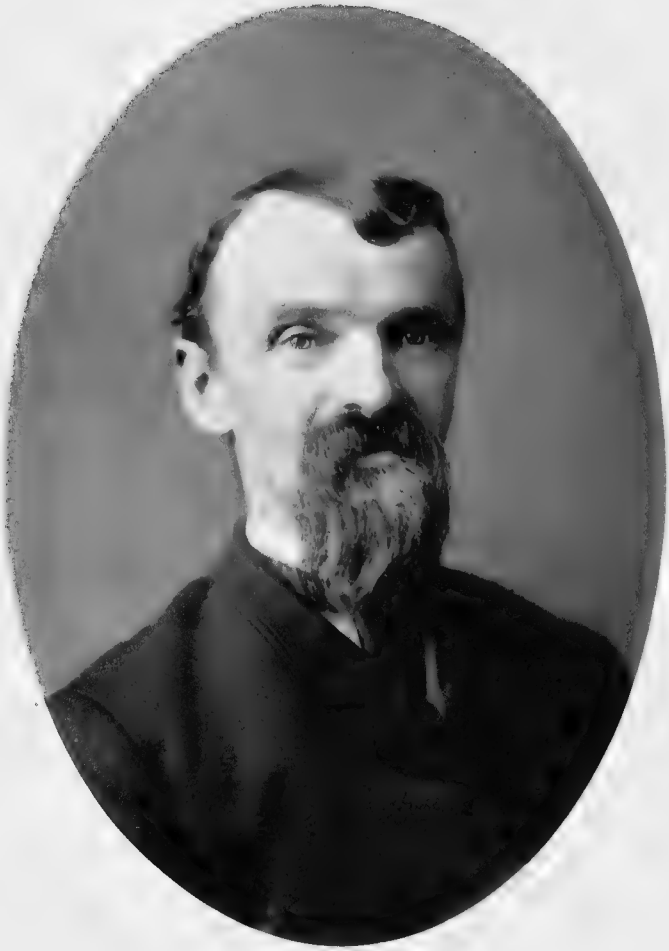
Hon. Joseph Newell died at his house in Wilton at half-past three this [Thursday] morning at the advanced age of more than 90 years. The deceased was a native of Charlestown [Reading], Massachusetts. He came to Wilton at an early age and was a progressive citizen and a prominent merchant for more than fifty years. His popularity was such that he could have held almost any office in the gift of his town or district, but he steadily refused, until, after the close of the war, he was prevailed upon to accept the nomination of state senator for the old seventh district, which included Nashua. He was triumphantly elected, and his course was such as to give him a second nomination and election. Mr. Newell was the founder and one of the heaviest owners in the Newell Woollen Mill, and at different times was concerned in other enterprises which he believed to be for the advantage of his town. A few years ago he met with a railroad accident at Lowell, while attending an agricultural fair, by which he lost an arm. He did much to beautify and adorn his town and to encourage those who have struggled to build better homes for themselves. Mr. Newell was an old-school gentleman; a man "whose word was as good as his bond;" a man who made friends and kept them to the very end of his life. Honest, industrious, cheerful, ready to bear his part in all the burdens of his townsmen, seeking to be useful and to encourage and foster a reciprocal feeling in those whose paths in life were parallel, he was a good citizen, whose influence will be felt in years to come, for his example was worthy of emulation. He leaves a son and a daughter.

SOLOMON KIDDER LIVERMORE.—FROM THE HISTORY OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

He was the fifth child of Rev. Jonathan Livermore of Wilton, and was born March 2, 1779. He was taught at home in his early years, but the common school was established before his entire youth had passed. In the summer he helped in the fields, and in winter in the woods; his love for his native hills and valleys grew with his growth, and continued to the end of his life. When advanced enough in his studies, he entered Mr. Pemberton's school for boys in Billerica, his mother's native place, where he remained till fitted for Harvard College, which he entered in 1799, and graduated in 1802 in a class large and distinguished for its ability.



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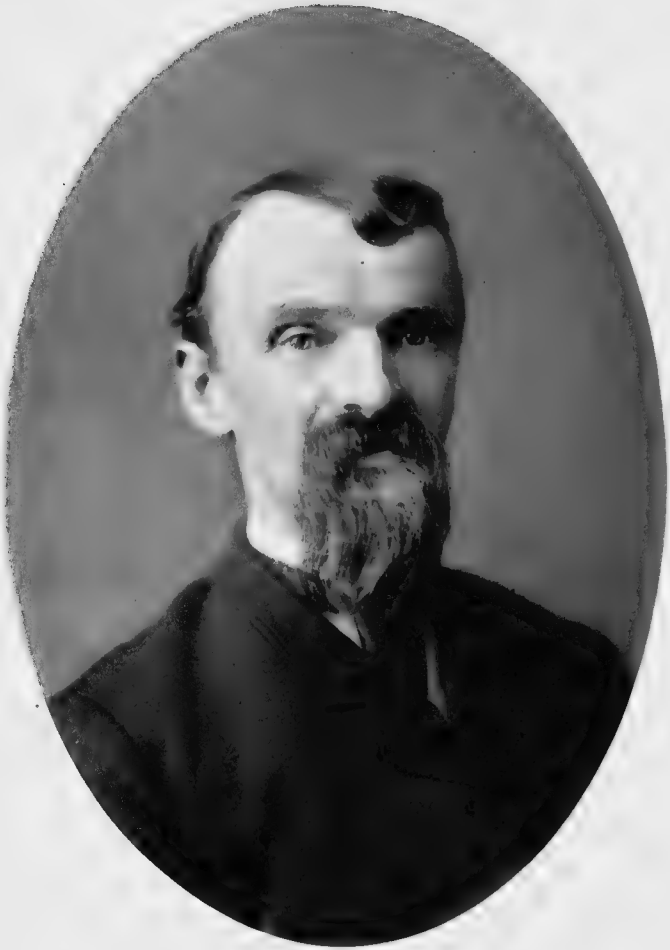

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He studied law with Oliver Crosby, Esq., of Dover, and was admitted to the bar about 1806, and after a few years came to Milford as the earliest established lawyer of the town. Mr. Livermore was eminently a lover of justice, beloved by those for whom he labored; he looked first to the public good, and was utterly averse to towns or citizens pursuing narrow or selfish ends.

Political partisanship the most pronounced prevailed during Mr. Livermore's early life, but he could be no partisan. Unmoved by the invectives of the partisans of France, he saw much more that was good and hopeful, and less that was mischievous, in the Federal party, which crystallized into the Whig party; he worked with that party until it was bereft of life, when he found himself a Free Soil sympathizer, and from that evolved a Republican.

Mr. Livermore was a member of the First Congregational Church for nearly twenty-five years; then a member of the First Unitarian Society. He married Miss Abigail Atkins Jarvis of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Six children lived to mature age. A son and a daughter settled in Baltimore, Maryland; another son in Galena, Illinois, and the youngest son finally in Cambridge on the maternal grandfather's homestead. Two grandsons have been in the navy for years; one grandson, Colonel Thomas L. Livermore, rose from the ranks to a colonelcy in the war of secession, was at the head of the largest manufactory in the country for some years, and is now a lawyer in Boston.

Through his long life Mr. Livermore felt a keen interest in the colleges and schools of the country, in the young and their progress towards right living and good citizenship. He was a judicious friend, a wise counsellor and a good citizen. He died in July, 1859, in the eighty-first year of his life. His descendants surviving at the date of this History are a daughter, twelve grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren, living in six different states.

DANIEL CRAGIN.

Daniel Cragin, fourth child of Augustus and Almira (Boynton) Cragin, was born in Merrimac, December 31, 1836. His parents had ten children. When Daniel was but six months old, his father, who was a farmer and mechanic, removed from Merrimac to Temple. Young Cragin was early taught to labor, his boyhood being spent on his father's farm until he was seventeen years old, when he engaged with John Newell of Lyndeborough to learn cabinet-work. After three years spent with him, he went to Wilton, where

for a year he was engaged in a furniture shop. Then returning to Lyndeborough, he, in company with a partner, purchased the shop and business of Mr. Newell, his first employer. Continuing here with varying success something more than a year, Mr. Cragin disposed of his interest in the business and came to what was known at that time as the "Putnam Corporation," in the north part of the town of Wilton.

This was in 1858. Mr. Cragin had just attained his majority, and while, as before stated, he had had some business experience, yet fortune had not favored him with financial success, and he began business in Wilton, as a manufacturer of knife trays and toys, on a cash capital of ten dollars. He rented one room in the Putnam Bobbin Factory in which to carry on his manufacturing. Continuing here two years and meeting with fair success, he purchased a small building on the site of his present factory, and removed his manufacturing there. Soon after this he built an addition to his shop, and from that time to the present, as the exigencies of his increasing business have demanded, he has made additions to the space and the facilities with which he started. In addition to the water-power, which at the beginning was sufficient to operate his machinery, he has since found it necessary to add steam-power, and now both are in use.

About the autumn of 1876 Mr. Cragin began the manufacture of dry measures, which has since grown to be the leading feature of his business. At the time when he undertook this line of manufacturing, the machinery in use for the purpose was very crude indeed; in fact, the measures were bent and made almost entirely by hand. And just here comes a practical illustration of the genius or faculty which, more than all others, has made New England the centre of capital and the cradle of progress in America: the faculty of invention, that predominant and distinguishing characteristic of the Yankee character, which, seeing a need, proceeds at once to devise a way of supplying it. With a singleness of purpose and a determination to succeed, Mr. Cragin began at once to devise simple and labor-saving machines to do what had hitherto been done only by hand. One contrivance after another was made, experimented with, improved and perfected, until now, by the aid of various ingenious, curiously contrived, yet simple machines, the lumber is carried through the manifold processes necessary to convert it into measures of various sizes and capacities, in an amazingly rapid and skilful manner; until the vessels are completed, the whole work is

practically done by machinery. And what is more, every piece of machinery in Mr. Cragin's factory, except a few of the simpler contrivances, is the product of his own inventive genius. The improved facilities which he has thus created for himself have enabled him to produce first-class work at prices which have practically driven from the field all competitors, so that in the area which he attempts to cover, he has almost a monopoly in this specialty. In addition to manufacturing he has dealt more or less in lumber, real estate, etc., and has made other investments.

He has been selectman of the town of Wilton five years, and chairman of the board for three years. He represented his town in the Legislature two years, 1875–6, and in 1884 was nominated as a candidate for senator on the Democratic ticket, but with no chance of election, as the district is strongly Republican. Mr. Cragin is a staunch, though tolerant, Democrat, broad and liberal in both political and religious views. He is one of the directors of the Wilton Savings Bank. He married, March 29, 1859, Jane L., daughter of John and Lucetta (Draper) Dolliver of Lyndeborough.

HENRY NEWTON GRAY.—FROM THE HISTORY OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Henry N. Gray was born January 4, 1826, at what is known as "Gray's Corners" in Wilton. He is descended from Joseph Gray, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and participated in the battle of Ticonderoga. Joseph Gray was by occupation a farmer, and was a man of great energy and force of character. He retained his interest in military affairs, and after the Revolutionary War he became adjutant of militia, a position which he held for many years. He was a man of robust constitution, full of energy, an early riser, and noted for his push and vigor. He lived to be more than eighty years of age. His wife was Chloe Abbot.

Calvin Gray was his son, and was brought up on his father's farm. When about eighteen years of age, he learned blacksmithing with James Means of Wilton, and followed that occupation as long as he lived. He was a genial, pleasant man, and fond of the jollities of life. He inherited his father's love for military affairs, and rose to the rank of adjutant of militia, the same rank his father had formerly held. He married Clarissa King. They had three children who survived him: H. Newton; Harriet N., who married Henry K. French of Peterborough, and died, leaving one child; and Charles D., who married Kate Spaulding of Mason, and died,

leaving no issue. Calvin Gray was born in 1800, and died in 1806.

H. N. Gray was brought up on the farm and in the blacksmith shop of his father, with whom he remained until he attained his majority. He then hired the shop of his father, and conducted business for himself. Upon his father's decease, he purchased of the other heirs their interest in the estate, and has successfully prosecuted the business, to which he added carriage building, to the present time. He was the originator of what is known as the Wilton Wagon, and has made a specialty of its manufacture for several years. He has the reputation of doing thoroughly first-class work, and has the grandest of tributes paid him by his neighbors—that of being in all respects an upright, reliable, truthful man. He is a Republican in politics and a Unitarian in religion. He is an industrious, pushing man and has made for himself and his family a beautiful home. He married, January 3, 1853, Mary Ann Heath of Barre, Massachusetts, an estimable lady. They have three children. [See Gray Genealogy.]

Mr. Gray's venerable mother, who is still living [now deceased, 1888], is in many respects a remarkable woman, possessing a strong mind in a strong body. She has been a woman of remarkable activity and industry, of clear judgment and sound common sense, full of life and energy. She has, perhaps, done more labor and successfully carried through greater responsibilities than any other woman of the community. She has been a model New England housekeeper; neat, frugal, industrious and self-reliant. Such mothers have given to the world the successful men of the world. She has all her life prided herself on promptitude, never failing to perform to the letter whatever she promised; and this trait, inherited by her son, has been the key-note of his success in business, and of his standing as a reliable man among his fellow-townsmen. It is a pleasure to be able to preserve on the pages of history some record of the virtues of such wives and mothers. All honor to their memory, and may their descendants revere their names, and emulate the example of their unselfish, noble lives!

HON. ISAAC SPALDING.—BY ISAAC SPALDING WHITING.

Isaac Spalding was born in New Ipswich, February 1, 1796. His father removed to Wilton with his family in 1800. Having had what education he could get at the district school, Mr. Spalding started out in 1809 to earn his living. He took service with Mr. Robert Reed, a store-keeper of Amherst, who took him into partner-

ship in 1816. Having spent ten years in this relation, he moved to Nashua and opened a store for himself on Main Street. The goods dealt in were the general miscellany of a country store of the time. Here he laid the foundation of his fortune. The village was thriving, and Mr. Spalding's shrewdness easily secured for him a large share of its prosperity. Though still successful, he gave up business in 1838, and thenceforward devoted himself to public enterprises and the care of his estate. This voluntary relinquishment of a profitable business, when he was only forty-two years old, is a sufficient answer to the charge of avarice, to which his subsequent wealth exposed him. Having been selectman, representative and moderator, he was now promoter of the Concord Railroad and one or other of its officers for thirty years; member of the Constitutional Convention in 1850; member of the Governor's Council, 1866, '67 and '68; trustee and president of the State Asylum for the Insane in 1863 and 1869, respectively; president of the Nashua Bank, &c. He died May 14, 1876, being reputed to be the richest man in the state.

He possessed all the business qualities in good proportion, but the dominant ones of his nature were two, caution and thrift. First, his caution: his maxim in investing was, better take six per cent. interest on a safe principal than ten per cent. on a risky one. Thus his income was uninterrupted, his capital had few periods of enforced idleness. No alluring prospectus could captivate his judgment. If he invested in new, unproved undertakings, such as the Concord Railroad, his motive was something more than immediate money-making; he hoped to benefit the community in which he lived. But he said to promoters of distant enterprises: "I have no interest in them except as investments, and before investing, I prefer to see them completed and established, so that I can judge of their value." The bank of which he was an officer is said never to have had a dollar's worth of poor loans. Second, his thrift: ambitious to be wealthy, he clung to his purpose, and looked well to the dollars to see that they were saved and put to work. Yet he felt no miser's glee in handling money. His care of his estate was a piece of his character and resulted not from instinct but from principle. He protested against dissipation and luxury in all their forms, not alone in what money was accountable for. He frittered away just as little time and strength as he did money. When he spent, he spent freely, and got something for his outlay worth having. Thus his house was the richest in the city for its time,

solid and finished to the last degree. He travelled much, and bought the most comfortable accommodations attainable, and his gifts were not niggardly. He married Lucy Kendall of Amherst, May 1, 1828. She was born December 13, 1796, and is now living [May, 1888]. They had two children, both of whom died in childhood.

REV. SAMUEL BARRETT, D. D.

Rev. Samuel Barrett, the eldest son of Major Benjamin Fiske and Betsey (Gerrish) Barrett, was born August 11, 1795, in Royalston, Massachusetts. His father removed to Wilton April 22, 1803, in whose district schools young Barrett received his rudimentary education. He loved his books, and at an early age began to dream of obtaining a liberal education, and of becoming a minister of the gospel. He became a member of the family of Rev. Thomas Beede, and by his instruction was prepared for college. He graduated at Harvard College in 1818, and at the Cambridge Divinity School in 1822. After preaching in various New England parishes and in Philadelphia and Baltimore, he was invited to the pastorate of the Twelfth Congregational Society of Boston, and was ordained February 9, 1825. He ministered to this church and society till 1858, when he resigned his office on account of infirmity and age, much to the regret of his people, and received the gratuity of six thousand dollars as token of their gratitude and esteem.

Dr. Barrett, besides his special labors in his own society, was a large public benefactor, as editor of various religious periodicals and as a writer of tracts; he was chaplain of the Massachusetts State Senate, missionary of the American Unitarian Association, and author of many discourses and occasional addresses. He aided the members of his own family in obtaining a liberal education, and extended a helping hand to others. After his resignation he removed to the Highlands, Roxbury, where he lived till his death, June 21, 1866. His memoir and sermons were published by his devoted parishioner, Lewis G. Pray. His immediate neighbor and friend in the West Church, Boston, Rev. Cyrus A. Bartol, D. D., has recorded his estimate of the life and character of Dr. Barrett, to which we are sure all his friends will cordially assent as not overdrawn, but as sound and true. We quote his beautiful words:

As a preacher, Dr. Barrett was regarded as having but few, if any, superiors in the effectiveness of his pulpit ministrations. There was nothing about him cold, indifferent or tame; rather, an extraordinary

fervor. I never met him but to see this divine ardor in his face, hear it in his voice, and mark it in his manner. Yet there was no attribute in him his friends would perhaps sooner single out than his wisdom, though it was wisdom without suspicion of management or cunning. He was as simple as he was wise. Bright and cheering views his own mind moved him to take. To him in his goodness, all was good. The world was a good world; the race was a good race; all fortune was good fortune, and Providence was infinitely good. In the darkest time he never despaired. I suppose there never was profounder faith in the future of mankind, and the immortal destiny and bliss of the children of men. Never was pity more tender or reflective or circumspect. I should leave out one of the principal traits if I omitted this uniform, unsurpassed forbearance to rub unnecessarily the sore spot. Not that he was reticent or close. He was transparent and altogether decided in his opinion. But he differed entirely from those who are diligent to thrust in the probe where they have not been called as surgeons, and in chafing into morbid activity old and half-healed wounds. The young are good judges, and he singularly drew them as a teacher in early life. He was a good man. Perhaps no clergyman has been more beloved by his parishioners and professional associates. Many a heart was in the coffin holding the precious remains that had been his body, the shrine of a nature as noble and affectionate as is ever dressed in human form, still keeping, in decay, his innocent and generous look.

Dr. Barrett married, September 11, 1832, Mary Susan Greenwood, daughter of Dr. Greenwood of Boston, and sister of the eminent Unitarian minister, Rev. Dr. F. W. P. Greenwood, minister of King's Chapel, a lady of the most beautiful and winning Christian character. She died March 15, 1874. Dr. and Mrs. Barrett had eight children, four sons and four daughters, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

REV. DAVID GAGE.

Rev. David Gage, born December 26, 1809, in Wilton, is the son of Richard and Betsey (Hutchinson) Gage. He writes: "When I was quite a young man, I helped make the brick for the Baptist meeting-house. In 1829 I left Wilton to work for Luther Lawrence of Groton, Massachusetts. After working for Mr. Lawrence one year I returned to Wilton. In 1831 I became a member of the Baptist Church. Subsequently I entered the institution at New Hampton. In 1833 the Baptist Church in Wilton gave me a license to preach. In 1834 I commenced to preach in East Washington, and was ordained as pastor of the Baptist Church there September 23, 1835. In 1845 I was dismissed from the pastoral care of the church in East Washington, and became pastor of the Baptist

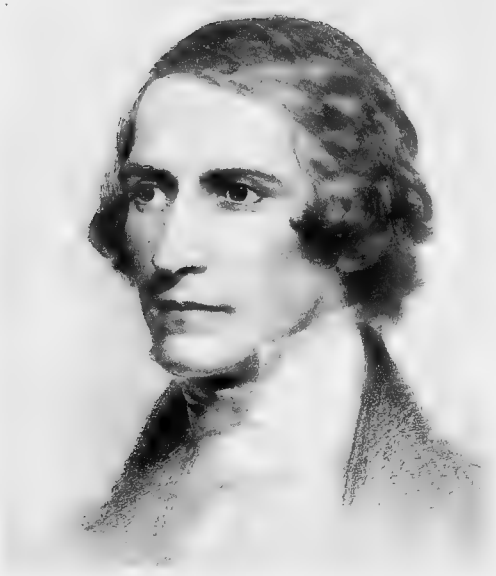
Church in New Boston the same year. In 1855 I was appointed by the New Hampshire Baptist Convention as their domestic missionary. I labored in this capacity in Acworth, Marlow and Unity until 1862, when I was appointed missionary and financial agent. In 1878 I resigned my agency, having labored for the Convention twenty-three years. In 1862 I removed to Manchester, where I have resided until the present time. Since 1878 I have preached nearly all the time as a stated supply in different churches. I have been able to preach nearly every Sabbath for fifty years. I am here in East Canaan as a stated supply, and preach every Sabbath. I wish to die with the harness on."

REV. EPHRAIM PEABODY, D. D.

He was the son of Ephraim and Rhoda (Abbot) Peabody, and was born March 22, 1807. He was fitted for college at Phillips Exeter Academy, and graduated at Bowdoin College in 1827, and at Cambridge Divinity School in 1830. After preaching for some time in Meadville, Pennsylvania; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Mobile, Alabama, he was settled over the Unitarian Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts, in June, 1838. He became minister of King's Chapel in Boston in January, 1846. He married Mary Jane Derby of Salem, Massachusetts, in 1833. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Bowdoin College in 1848. He died November 28, 1856. "A man of sound judgment and self-sacrificing benevolence, combining with great practical wisdom the utmost simplicity and purity of character."

The following beautiful picture of Dr. Peabody, drawn by the loving hand of Rev. John H. Morison, D. D., for several years his associate in the New Bedford society, is as true as it is beautiful. It is taken from a sermon preached May 20, 1888, at the fiftieth anniversary of the last services in the old church:

It was my privilege fifty years ago to be ordained here the associate pastor of this society with one of whom I can hardly think without the deepest sense of grateful emotion and affections. He was one of the truest, wisest, saintliest of men, a man of widely extended learning, a man of far-reaching, self-forgetting sympathies and affections, loving and beloved as few men have ever been, a man in whose large and liberal nature no room could be found for so much as a momentary suggestion that was not generous and manly, a man very modest in his estimate of himself, if he thought of himself at all, diffident apparently in his intercourse with others, but in an emergency no man was more independent or self-reliant, and no man braver in troubled times nor truer to the



Ephraim Peabody

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deepest convictions of nature than he. Once I remember, when we were returning from a succession of parish calls, he said to me, and I heartily assented to what he said: "Among all these homes which we have entered there is hardly one which it is not a pleasure and a privilege to visit." So it was, here, fifty years ago. And the cordial good feeling which united your ministers extended to all the members of their households. A dear child* of his, beautiful in person and lovely even beyond what is usual at that most attractive age, dying before she had completed her thirtieth year, bore to her grave a name which, from its associations, could not but bind all still more closely together.

With these great qualities added to extraordinary beauty and personal attractions, our friend was trusted, beloved and honored as few men ever are. In any community he could not fail to have a commanding influence, especially with the most intelligent, highest and upright members of society. As a preacher, he was grave, impressive, instructive, with a voice sometimes hard, often monotonous, sometimes deep, rich, melodious, filling out as with organ tones passages of sustained moral dignity and power, sometimes like the sunlight at even-song, illuminating with richest hues pictures of rare poetic beauty, or, most effective of all, flowing as a tearful melody through passages of tender, melting pathos, such as I have never found in any other preachers.

For five years we worked here together, the labors of the parish pretty equally divided between us, he the principal, I the assistant. It was a most happy, affectionate union, no shadow of misunderstanding falling on the relationship which bound us to each other and to our own people. And it is a great happiness now to see the same friendship drawing our children's children affectionately together.

REV. WARREN BURTON.

He was the son of Jonathan and Persis (Warren) Burton, and was born, November 23, 1800, in Wilton. He was fitted for college by his pastor, Rev. Thomas Beede, and graduated at Harvard in 1821. He went through the course of the Cambridge Divinity School, but was obliged to suspend his studies for a time on account of ill health. He travelled one summer as the agent of the American Unitarian Association, being the first who acted in that capacity. Health restored, and the course of study finished, he received the customary license to preach. In March, 1828, he was ordained as the first pastor of a new Unitarian Society at East Cambridge, Massachusetts. Resigning the charge of the society at the end of the first year, he supplied the pulpit at Washington for a time, and afterwards preached at Keene, Nashua, Hingham, Waltham and other places. In August, 1844, he entered upon his

* The first wife of Charles W. Eliot, President of Harvard University.

duties as minister-at-large in Boston, and remained in that position until the autumn of 1848. He afterwards became minister-at-large and chaplain of the county prison in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he remained two years. He then devoted himself to writing and lecturing. He was the author of the "District School as It Was," "Home Education," and several other publications, and was an eminent promoter of education. He was a most earnest and enthusiastic man, of guileless childlikeness, and warm and affectionate sympathies. Born in the cold north, he had all the ardent temperament proverbially attributed to the children of a tropical clime.

He married, June 26, 1828, Sarah, daughter of Deacon John and Sarah (Parker) Flint, a woman of rare beauty of person and character, who died October 11, 1836, and in 1845 he married Mary Merritt, of Salem, Massachusetts, who still survives him. He died in Salem, June 6, 1866. His son and daughter by his first wife deceased before him.

EPHRAIM BROWN.

He is the son of Ephraim and Sarah (King) Brown, and was born October 1, 1819. He gave up his intention of a collegiate course upon his father's death, and took his father's place in the family and on the farm, and taught school in the winter. In 1845 he disposed of the farm, and entered Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and soon after was elected assistant teacher in the Moody Grammar School in Lowell, Massachusetts. In 1850 he engaged in trade, and in 1854 he invented and patented the safety alarm money drawer, which now in some form is in universal use. From 1858 to 1865 he gave popular lectures to lyceums, schools and societies on geology and paleontology. He has spent one season in Europe. In 1848 he was one of the founders of the Howard Life Insurance Company of Boston, and in 1865 was elected its president and treasurer. He was one of the originators of the First National Bank of Lowell in 1864. He is a trustee in the Central Savings Bank of Lowell, and has acted as guardian and trustee in other cases. He is now engaged in the manufacture of cabinet lathes.

GEORGE BROWN, M. D.—FROM THE BROWN GENEALOGY.

He is the son of Ephraim and Sarah (King) Brown, and was born October 11, 1823. He fitted for college at Andover, Massa-

chusetts, entered Burlington College, Vermont, studied medicine with Dr. Norman Smith of Groton, Massachusetts, and matriculated in Jefferson College, Philadelphia, and in the University of New York. In 1850 he settled in Barre, Massachusetts, in the successful practice of his profession as a physician. In 1851 he became the proprietor of a small institution for the education of feeble-minded children, in Barre, which he and his wife have conducted with such ability, skill and success, that it has become an asylum widely known, and second to no other similar one in the world. Dr. Brown spent four months in Europe, in 1873, in visiting the principal public, and the most noted private, institutions of this class. He found the reputation of the Barre Asylum had preceded him, and ensured him access and welcome. He has been for several years a councillor of the Massachusetts Medical Society; he is a member of the New England Psychological Society; also of the National Association of Superintendents of Asylums for the Insane; and is president of the Association of American Superintendents of Institutions for Feeble-minded Youth. In 1884, besides visiting almost every state in the Union, Dr. Brown spent fourteen weeks in travelling on the Pacific and northwest coast. The buildings and grounds of his asylum manifest great taste, ingenuity and skill in their plan and management, and in their adaptability to supply the wants, cultivate the sensibilities, and secure the comforts of the inmates. The institution is a great blessing to the unfortunate, and most of those who leave it have become better fitted to bear the burdens and carry on the battle of life.

Dr. Brown married, November 1, 1850, Catharine Wood of Groton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Brown is widely known as a writer for medical and popular magazines, and has furnished copious letters for publication from her note-book of travels in Mexico.

REV. LUBIM BURTON ROCKWOOD.

He was the son of Lubim and Lydia (Burton) Rockwood, and the grandson of Ebenezer Rockwood, M. D., and was born August 8, 1816. He studied at New Ipswich Academy, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1839, taught school one year and studied two years at Andover Theological Seminary, ending his studies there in 1843. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1844, and became financial agent of Union Theological Seminary in New York city for seven years. He married, May 1, 1845,

Abby Ann, daughter of Deacon Ezra Abbot. He was installed in July, 1850, over the Congregational Church in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, as colleague with Dr. Chapin. In 1859 he resigned his pastorate, and became agent for one year of the American Tract Society for Connecticut. In April, 1860, he was appointed secretary of the New England branch of the American Tract Society, and removed to Roxbury, Massachusetts. He had his tract office and depository in Boston, and was engaged in travelling much and in making public addresses throughout New England. He was distinguished for his efficiency and popular gifts. He continued in this service till his death, May 7, 1872. His widow continues to reside in Roxbury. Mr. Rockwood was an earnest and devoted minister, of great wisdom and usefulness, and exerted a wide-spread influence in the religious bodies to which he consecrated his life.

GEORGE L. DASCOMBE.—BY GEORGE W. BRIDGES.

George L. Dascombe was born in Wilton, April 6, 1818. His early life was spent on the farm, with the privilege of attending the district school during the two terms, summer and winter, of each year. He was fortunate in obtaining instruction for a few terms at the Teachers' Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts. At the age of seventeen he began teaching what was called the winter term in the district schools of Wilton and the adjoining towns; this occupation he followed during the winter for more than thirty years. The writer of this article was one of his pupils for several of those terms, and remembers him as a kind and lenient teacher, taking a lively interest in the best welfare of his scholars, being thorough in his methods, and winning for himself the respect and highest regard of his pupils and also of their parents. He was superintending school committee in this town for nearly twenty years; sometimes having sole charge, at other times being associated with other gentlemen, in that important office. Mr. Dascombe has always resided in his native town, and when not engaged in the schools, his occupation has been farming. He joined the Patrons of Husbandry, held various offices in that body, and was chaplain of the New Hampshire State Grange for six years. He was twice elected to represent the town in the State Legislature, serving in that body in 1858 and 1859.

May 25, 1849, he married Julia A., daughter of Captain Hermon Pettengill of Wilton. They had only one child, a son, Everard

Willie, who graduated from Hobart College in 1880; after graduation he went to San Antonio, Texas, where he died the following year.

JOSEPH HALE ABBOT.—BY FRANCIS ELLINGWOOD ABBOT.

Joseph Hale Abbot was the eldest son of Deacon Ezra and Rebekah (Hale) Abbot, of Wilton. He was born, September 25, 1802, on Abbot Hill, on the homestead farm originally settled in 1764 by his grandfather, Major Abiel Abbot, one of the most honored men of the town, who, as shown by the original commissions still extant, had been "Captain of the Ninth Company in the Sixth Regiment of the Militia" of "His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire" under King George III., — successively "Second Major" and "First Major of the Fifth Regiment" of the State Militia in the Revolutionary war, — and for forty consecutive years either town officer in some responsible capacity or town representative in the State Legislature. That Deacon Ezra Abbot was no less honored and influential in town affairs than his father, is apparent in the fact that he was chosen to be president of the day at the memorable Wilton centennial celebration in 1839. His wife, Rebekah Hale, of Coventry, Connecticut, lineally descended from the Rev. John Hale, first minister of the town of Beverly, Massachusetts, who died in 1700, was daughter of Lieutenant Joseph Hale and niece of Captain Nathan Hale, both patriot soldiers in the Continental Army, and the latter famous as the "Martyr-Spy of the Revolution," whose pathetic fate and dying words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country!" were reverently remembered in that serious New England household.

In a home dignified and hallowed by such memories as these, Joseph Hale Abbot passed his early years. He began his preparation for college in his native town under the Rev. Thomas Beede, and finished it, in 1818, under his venerated uncle, the Rev. Abiel Abbot, D. D., then principal of Dummer Academy in Byfield, Massachusetts. He was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1822, standing very near the head of his class. After spending a year in Cambridge as resident graduate at Harvard College, he took charge of a select school at Beverly, which he conducted with signal success. From 1825 to 1827 he was tutor and librarian at Bowdoin College, where he taught Latin, geometry, French and Spanish. From 1827 to 1833 he was professor of mathematics

and natural philosophy at Phillips Exeter Academy, then under the charge of his illustrious kinsman, Benjamin Abbot, LL. D., where he gave experimental lectures in chemistry and natural philosophy, and where he greatly raised and improved the character of the English department. On May 13, 1830, at Beverly, Massachusetts, he married Fanny Ellingwood Larcom, daughter of Henry and Fanny (Ellingwood) Larcom, and grand-niece of the Hon. Nathan Dane, LL. D., member of the Continental Congress in 1785–88, framer of the famous "Ordinance of 1787," founder of the Dane Professorship of Law in Harvard University, etc. From 1833 to 1859, with some intermissions from impaired health, Mr. Abbot conducted a private school for young ladies in Boston, and gained the highest reputation as an able, conscientious and successful educator. From 1859 to 1860 he was occupied chiefly in preparing scientific definitions for Worcester's Quarto Dictionary. From 1861 to 1867 he was principal of the Beverly High School, and left so deep an impression of his character upon the minds of his pupils, that, on his retirement, they formed the "Abbot Association," which flourished in great usefulness for many years, in order to perpetuate with grateful affection the memory and influence of his wise instructions. From 1867 to 1872 he resided chiefly in Boston, taking a few private pupils and pursuing his favorite studies. He died at the house of his daughter, in Cambridge, April 7, 1873.

In 1838 Mr. Abbot was elected a resident fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, in which he took the deepest interest to the day of his death, and in which he served with distinction as recording secretary from 1850 to 1852, winning golden opinions by the unusual accuracy and fulness of his minutes of scientific discussions and contributions. In October, 1840, he published in Silliman's Journal the first complete scientific explanation of the "Pneumatic Paradox," describing new and original experiments of great interest and value. In June, 1848, he published in Littell's Living Age an important article on "Principles Recognized by Scientific Men Applied to the Ether Controversy," and in the Atlantic Monthly, June, 1868, another on "The Discovery of Etherization." He also contributed to the North American Review, October, 1856, a review of "Consolations of Solitude," a book of poems by Dr. John W. Randall, grandson of Samuel Adams, which deserves to be far more widely known than it is. For the last fifteen years of his life Mr. Abbot was laboriously preparing an

original work on English grammar, incorporating methods and results of a life-time of sagacious study; but he did not live to complete it.

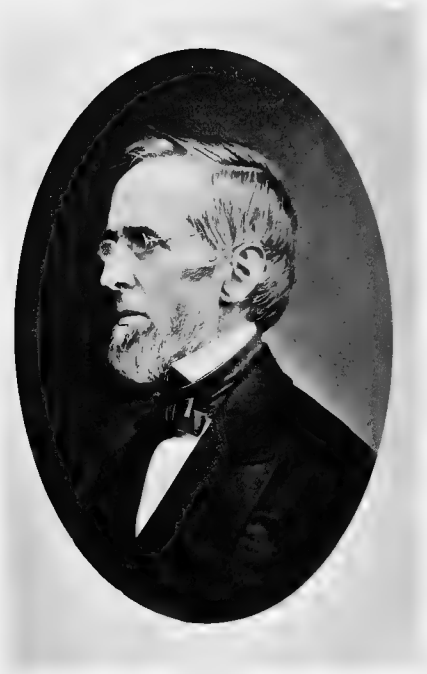
Fifty years of patient, painstaking, conscientious labor as a teacher and scholar—there is little to dazzle the imagination in such a career as that. But the love, respect and veneration of his pupils, many of whom attained great distinction in after-life, and above all the consciousness of duty done, were to him the sweetest of all rewards. In outward manner grave, dignified and courtly, yet always considerate and kindly, he speedily won and lastingly retained the hearts of his scholars. Absolute truthfulness, a chivalrous love of justice, an integrity of the intellect no less than of the life, yet with this an almost womanly tenderness of soul, were the bed-rock of his character. No juster tribute was ever paid than these words of his widow, who for ten years survived him: "*Intellectual superiority* and *moral purity*—those were the qualities I first required in my maiden ideal of a life-companion; and, looking for these in your father, I was never disappointed."

CHAPTER XXX.

GENEALOGIES OF FAMILIES.

In this chapter we have endeavored to give the abridged genealogies of Wilton families, native or resident. It has been a work of much labor and perplexity, and not unlikely, with our utmost care and caution, it will be found to have many errors and omissions. Many families do not keep accurate records of the births, marriages, places of residence, and deaths of their own kindred. In submitting this part of the History, therefore, to the public, the authors crave the indulgence of readers and critics. We can only say that we have done what we could, not what we would. We have sought also to systematize the work, and to reduce the broken and fragmentary details, which have been collected, into such order and form that they may be easily intelligible. By this uniformity we trust that greater facility may be gained in deciphering what to strangers may be but dry and uninteresting bundles of facts, but what to relatives and friends glow with life and reality, and touch the holiest chords of memory and affection. Also we hope that families may be awakened to the value and importance of more full and accurate records of their domestic life, so that the chroniclers of 1987 may not experience the same embarrassment and trouble we have had in tracing the genealogy of families of the last century and a half of our history.

The limitation of space has made it necessary to arrange the genealogies as concisely as is consistent with ease of comprehension. The numbers in the margin of the genealogies serve to facilitate reference and to enable the reader to trace ancestry or descent. Each person has a number; and those who became heads of families are numbered twice. The name of each head of a family is printed in small capital letters; the enclosed number following his



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name refers back to his position as child. The names of his children follow, printed in small letters, each with a marginal number; the enclosed number after the name of a child points out his future position as head of a family. To illustrate by example: if we wish to trace the ancestry of Charles A. Baldwin, whose marginal number in the Baldwin genealogy is 112, we shall find his father's name by looking for the name printed in small capital letters next above his. We find it thus: "109, John Bradley (58)." If we turn to 58, and look for the name in small capital letters next above, we learn that John Bradley's father was "55, Loammi;" and so we pass through "13, Timothy," "4, John," "3, John," "2, Thomas," until we come to "1, John Baldwin," the original emigrant. It will be observed that the surname, when it is the name common to the family, is omitted to avoid needless repetition; when any are recorded having a different surname from that of the family in which they are classed, that name is always given, but is enclosed within marks of parenthesis to show that it is not a middle name. The following abbreviations will be frequently used: b. for born; ch. for child or children; n. ch. for no children; d. for died; dau. for daughter; gen. for genealogy; grad. for graduate or graduated; m. for married; unm. for unmarried; res. for resides, resided or residence.

ADAMS FAMILY.*

1. DANIEL EMERSON ADAMS, b., Camden, Me., June 22, 1832. He was the son of Rev. Darwin Adams, who was the son of Daniel Adams, M. D., for many years a physician in Mont Vernon, whose practice extended into Wilton, and who was well known as the author of Adams's Arithmetic and other school books. Mr. Adams's mother, Catharine H. Smith, was dau. of Rev. Eli Smith, minister for thirty-six years of the Congregational Church of Hollis, and was a descendant of Rev. Daniel Emerson, the first minister of Hollis, and well known in Revolutionary history. Mr. Adams graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1860, and has been settled as a Congregational minister successively in Wilton, 1860–1876, Ashburnham, Mass., and Southborough, Mass., where he now resides. He m., 1855, Ellen Frances Kingsbury of Keene, who d. May, 1882. He m., Feb., 1884, Marion Elsie Center, dau. of S. N. Center of Wilton. Children:

2. Charles Darwin, b., Keene, 1857; grad. at Dartmouth College, 1877; now Professor of Greek in Drury College, Mo.

3. Mary Catharine, b., Wilton, 1868.

4. George Wilton, b., Wilton, 1873.

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* The genealogy of the Abbot family is necessarily postponed to the latter part of this chapter.

AVERILL FAMILY.

1. MOSES AVERILL lived in Amherst until about the close of the Revolutionary War. He was in Capt. Nathan Ballard's company at the alarm of June 29, 1777, and served fourteen days. He was in Capt. John Goss's company at the battle of Bennington, and served two months and nine days. He enlisted July 12, 1779, to serve six months in the New Hampshire regiment for the defence of Rhode Island, and was discharged Jan. 8, 1780. He came about the close of the war to Wilton, and was last taxed here in 1802. His wife, Mary, d. April 30, 1794. Children:

2. Mary, b. May 28, 1787.

3. Jonathan Bridges, b. April 17, 1789; m., Feb. 23, 1813, Olive Foster.

4. Sarah, b. May 11, 1792.

BALDWIN FAMILY.

1. JOHN BALDWIN, probably from Hertfordshire, England, came to Billerica, Mass., in 1655; m., May 15, 1655, Mary Richardson of Woburn, Mass.

2. THOMAS, son of preceding, b. March 26, 1672; m. Sarah French.

3. JOHN, son of preceding, b. Nov. 10, 1699; m., May 4, 1725, Sarah Hill.

4. JOHN, son of preceding, b. Nov. 1, 1731; m., Feb. 3, 1758, Elizabeth Parkhurst of Chelmsford, Mass. Children who lived in Wilton:

5. John (**8**), b. March 3, 1759.

6. Timothy (**13**), b. April 13, 1762.

7. Asa (**23**), b. Nov. 15, 1770.

8. JOHN (**5**), b. March 3, 1759; m. Isabel Beard: came to Wilton and res. on the farm now owned by Jeremiah Driscoll; after some years removed to Vermont. Children:

9. John, b. June 13, 1782.

10. Sally, b. Feb. 1, 1787.

11. James, b. July 13, 1789.

12. Susanna, b. Aug. 16, 1791.

13. TIMOTHY (**6**), b. April 13, 1762; d. probably in 1823. He came to Wilton in 1788, and lived on the place now owned by S. H. Dunbar. He m., 1787, Prudence Chapman, dau. of Davis and Hannah (Peacock) Chapman of Tewksbury, Mass., who was b. Sept. 26, 1768, and d. Sept. 3, 1846. Children:

14. Prudence, b. June 19, 1788; d., Wilton, Aug. 12, 1856; res. in Weston and Andover, Vt.; m. Nathan Hesselton, 1805, who d. Jan. 4, 1814. See Hesselton gen.

15. Rebecca, b. Dec. 18, 1789; d. young.

16. Timothy (**26**), b. Oct. 11, 1791.

17. Rebecca (**35**), b. April 11, 1793.

18. Hannah (**38**), b. Feb. 23, 1795.

19. Joel (**46**), b. Nov. 25, 1796.

20. Betsey, b. Dec. 30, 1798; d. young.

21. Reuben (**53**), b. Nov., 1800.

22. Loammi (**55**), b. Dec. 27, 1803.

23. Asa (**7**), b. Nov. 15, 1770; d. March 27, 1842. Came to Wilton about 1795 and res. on the place now owned by his son, Luther. He m., Feb. 11, 1795, Ruth Kidder of Tewksbury, Mass., who d. Sept. 21, 1805; m., 2d, Oct. 25, 1807, Susanna Kidder, who d. Sept. 21, 1851. Children:

24. Asa, b. July 19, 1798. He was thrown from a horse July 9, 1812, and d. from the injuries then received.

25. Luther (**60**), b. Sept. 5, 1802.

26. Timothy (**16**), b. Oct. 11, 1791. He res. in Mont Vernon and d. there May 25, 1869. He m., June, 1816, Sally Marshall, who d. May 21, 1824; m., 2d, Nov. 11, 1824, Sylva Averill of Mont Vernon, who d. March 28, 1867. Children:

27. Lydia Jane (**64**), b. June 30, 1817.

28. Ruth Ann, b. Sept. 19, 1818; d. Dec. 2, 1853.

29. Hannah Marshall, b. April 14, 1820; d. April 7, 1861.

30. Samuel B., b. Jan. 1, 1822; d. Sept. 18, 1822.

31. John B., b. Aug. 8, 1823; d. Nov. 20, 1823.

32. Sarah Caroline, b. Sept. 27, 1830; d. March 3, 1832.

33. Mary Angeline, b. Aug. 2, 1832; d. Aug. 21, 1834.

34. Sabrina Frances (**69**), b. March 15, 1836.

35. Rebecca (**17**), b. April 11, 1793; d. Oct. 18, 1820. Res., Lyndeborough. She m., June 27, 1815, James L. Clark. Children:

36. David Dickey (Clark) (**71**), b. Sept. 18, 1818.

37. Elizabeth (Clark), b. Dec., 1819; d. Oct. 9, 1828.

38. Hannah (**18**), b. Feb. 23, 1795; d., Lyndeborough, March 13, 1860. She m., 1823, James L. Clark of Lyndeborough, husband of preceding, who d. Oct. 11, 1872. Children:

39. Rebecca Baldwin (Clark) (**79**), b. Feb. 26, 1824.

40. Hannah Jane (Clark), b. July 2, 1825; m., May 1, 1849, William S. Treadwell of Peterborough, where they reside.

41. William Henry (Clark) (**85**), b. April 28, 1827.

42. James Brooks (Clark), b. Oct. 15, 1828; d. Nov. 4, 1850.

43. Asa Baldwin (Clark) (**88**), b. Oct. 17, 1831.

44. Elizabeth (Clark), b. 1835; d. Sept. 13, 1837.

45. Frank Gray (Clark), b. Feb. 22, 1838; grad. Amherst College, 1862, Andover Theological Seminary, 1869; res., West Medford, Mass. He m., Aug. 11, 1864, Charlotte McCoy of Peterborough.

46. Joel (**19**), b. Nov. 25, 1796; d. April 19, 1850. He removed to Billerica, Mass., in 1825. He m., 1822, Mary Fry of Andover, Mass., who d. April 12, 1882. Children:

47. John Fry (**90**), b. March 14, 1823.

48. Joel (**93**), b. Aug. 24, 1824.

49. Mary Ann (**96**), b. Dec. 4, 1826.

50. Charlotte Fry, b. June 18, 1830; d. July 14, 1832.

51. Charles Henry, b. Jan. 8, 1834; d. May 25, 1837.

52. William Henry (**98**), b. Jan. 14, 1838.

53. Reuben (**21**), b. Nov., 1800; d. Nov. 2, 1831. He m., 1823, Abigail Bradford of Lyndeborough. Child:

54. Rebecca (**103**), b. Oct. 15, 1823.

55. Loammi (**22**), b. Dec. 27, 1803; res. on the homestead and d. March 6, 1860. He m., Dec. 23, 1830, Charlotte Bradford of Lyndeborough, who d. May 27, 1882. Children:

56. Elvira, b. March 11, 1832; d. Oct. 31, 1837.

57. Bradley, b. Feb. 7, 1834; d. Oct. 25, 1837.

58. John Bradley (**109**), b. Jan. 7, 1839.

59. Hannah Jane (**113**), b. Sept. 16, 1841.

60. Luther (**25**), b. Sept. 5, 1802. He has always res. on the homestead, and is now, 1888, the oldest native living in Wilton. He m., July 9, 1837, Phebe F. Richardson of Sutton. Children:

61. Asa (**116**), b. June 4, 1838.

62. Ruth Ann, b. Feb. 19, 1841; d. Aug. 12, 1874.

63. Mary (**124**), b. March 22, 1843.

64. Lydia Jane (**27**), b. June 30, 1817; d., Mont Vernon, April 26, 1868. She m., Jan., 1841, William Harrison Smith of Mont Vernon. Children:

65. Emeline M. (Smith), b. Sept. 18, 1841; d. Aug. 4, 1847.

66. Lenora Ann (Smith), b. Feb. 27, 1845.

67. Abbie Josephine (Smith), b. Jan. 27, 1847.

68. Marcella (Smith), b. March 13, 1856; m., Feb. 25, 1880, George W. Hatch, M. D., and res. in Wilton.

69. Sabrina Frances (**34**), b. March 15, 1836; m., Dec. 3, 1857, Joseph W. Averill of Mont Vernon, where they res. Child:

70. Chester Baldwin (Averill), b. Jan. 17, 1867.

71. David Dickey (Clark) (**36**), b. Sept. 18, 1818; res., Lyndeborough; m., April 22, 1842, Sophronia Dickinson, who d. May 13, 1872. Children:

72. William Train (Clark), b. May 7, 1843; m., Sept. 3, 1867, L. Jennie Richards and lives in Boston, Mass.

73. Mary Jane (Clark), b. March 22, 1845; d. Nov. 24, 1864.

74. Gorham Brooks (Clark), b. April 18, 1847; served in the civil war in Fifth Regt., Mass. Vol., and d. July 24, 1865, from disease contracted in the service.

75. Edna Augusta (Clark), b. April 7, 1849; d. Oct. 26, 1870. She m., Jan. 4, 1869, Wallace Clark of Peterborough.

76. Laura Ann (Clark), b. March 7, 1852; m., June 14, 1877, George J. Carson of Mont Vernon, where they reside.

77. James Linzey (Clark), b. May 25, 1856; m., Dec. 30, 1885, Lizzie C. Wallace. Res., Nashua.

78. Sarah Melissa (Clark), b. Nov. 17, 1859.

79. Rebecca Baldwin (Clark) (**39**), b. Feb. 26, 1824; m., Jan. 5, 1847, Oliver Perham, who d. Feb. 24, 1879. Res., Lyndeborough. Children:

80. George Oliver (Perham), b. May 12, 1848; d. Aug. 19, 1849.

81. Brooks Clark (Perham), b. Oct. 24, 1851; d. Feb. 9, 1853.

82. Charles Linzey (Perham), b. Jan. 3, 1854; m., Feb. 16, 1878, Emma J. Tarbell of Mont Vernon. Res., Lyndeborough.

83. Georgiana Brooks (Perham), b. July 23, 1856; d. Sept. 30, 1871.

84. Willis Clark (Perham), b. July 18, 1859; m., April 9, 1883, Annie S. Richardson of Lyndeborough, where they reside.

85. WILLIAM HENRY (CLARK) (**41**), b. April 28, 1827; m., April 2, 1858, Theresa A. Heath. Res., West Medford, Mass. Children:

86. Walter Gould (Clark), b. Dec. 15, 1860; m., April 16, 1885, Hattie B. Brown of Medford, Mass., where they reside.

87. Evelyn Theresa (Clark), b. Nov. 15, 1863.

88. ASA BALDWIN (CLARK) (**43**), b. Oct. 17, 1831; m., Jan. 1, 1861, Mary Elizabeth McCoy of Peterborough. Res., Wellesley, Mass. Child:

89. Alice Brooks (Clark), b. Sept. 25, 1867.

90. JOHN FRY (**47**), b. March 14, 1823; m., Dec. 25, 1846, Fannie A. Parker of Carlisle, Mass., who d. Nov. 3, 1858. He m., 2d, Nov. 28, 1861, Eveline Richardson of Billerica, Mass. Res., Andover, Mass. Children:

91. Susan M., b. Jan. 25, 1848; m., Oct. 15, 1869, John A. Knowles, Jun., of Lowell, Mass., who d. May 29, 1884. Res., Lowell.

92. John P., b. Oct. 16, 1850; d. Nov. 16, 1851.

93. JOEL (**48**), b. Aug. 24, 1824; m., Dec. 28, 1848, Elizabeth Trull of Tewksbury, Mass. Res., Billerica, Mass. Children:

94. Annie M., b. Dec. 27, 1850; m., Jan. 10, 1872, Joseph Jaquith of Billerica, Mass., where they reside.

95. Joel W., b. Feb. 1, 1852; m., June 24, 1883, Elizabeth McKinnon. Res., Tewksbury, Mass.

96. MARY ANN (**49**), b. Dec. 4, 1826; m., April 16, 1846, William Manning of Billerica, Mass. Res., Chelmsford, Mass. Child:

97. Charlotte (Manning), b. Feb. 19, 1847; m., Oct. 9, 1872, Erastus A. Bartlett. Res., Chelmsford, Mass.

98. WILLIAM HENRY (**52**), b. Jan. 14, 1838; m., April 5, 1859, Mary M. Moore. Res., Lowell, Mass. Children:

99. Lottie M., b. Nov. 29, 1860.

100. Charles H., b. March 10, 1867.

101. Fred G., b. May 31, 1873.

102. Amy M., b. Nov. 23, 1877.

103. REBECCA (**54**), b. Oct. 15, 1823; m., Feb. 1, 1843, Horace, son of Jonathan Parkhurst. Children:

104. George Winfield (Parkhurst), b. Dec. 14, 1844; d. Sept. 23, 1847.

105. Granville J. (Parkhurst), b. April 14, 1847; m., Nov. 28, 1867, Sarah Spofford.

106. Clara M. (Parkhurst), b. Oct. 6, 1849; m., June 6, 1871, Albert French.

107. George Edward (Parkhurst), b. May 10, 1855; m., June 11, 1879, Jennie Parker.

108. Ella R. (Parkhurst), b. Dec. 17, 1861; m., Dec. 29, 1885, Harry A. Hartshorn.

109. JOHN BRADLEY (**58**), b. Jan. 7, 1839; m., May, 1864, Jane O. Curtis of Lyndeborough, who d. Sept., 1865. He m., 2d, Jan., 1872, Louise E. Perham, who d. Oct. 16, 1886. Children:

110. Lewis H., b. Jan. 25, 1873.

111. Florence L., b. Sept. 4, 1876.

112. Charles A., b. July 6, 1878.

113. HANNAH JANE (**59**), b. Sept. 16, 1841; m., Jan. 7, 1868, Fred. A. Richardson of Lyndeborough, where they reside. Children:

114. George Allen (Richardson), b. Dec. 30, 1868; d. April 2, 1875.

115. Fred Perley (Richardson), b. Dec. 31, 1882.

116. ASA (**61**), b. June 4, 1838. He res. on the homestead in Wilton. He m., Dec. 5, 1870, Lucy A. Richardson of Hudson. Children:

117. William, b. June 30, 1871; d. July 1, 1872.

118. Mary, b. Aug. 12, 1872; d. March 7, 1881.

119. Ida R., b. Nov. 7, 1874.

120. Edward S., b. Aug. 5, 1879.

121. Benjamin D., b. Aug. 2, 1882.

122. Eugene, b. July 25, 1885; d. Jan. 29, 1886.

123. Nellie G., b. Dec. 4, 1886.

124. MARY (**63**), b. March 22, 1843; m., Nov. 21, 1867, William R. Barron of Amherst, who d. Sept. 8, 1875. She m., 2d, Jan. 7, 1880, Joseph Langdell. Children:

125. Infant dau.; d. Oct. 10, 1869.

126. Luther M. (Langdell), b. June 12, 1881.

BALES FAMILY.

1. WILLIAM BALES was an involuntary emigrant to this country from Wales, having been impressed and put on board a man of war that was to sail to America. It is said that he was a very small man, but very active. On arriving at Salem he deserted, and, being closely pursued, rushed into a house where a woman was seated on a bench, spinning upon a linen wheel, and implored her to secrete him. She raised one side of the large hoop around the bottom of her dress, which it was then the fashion to wear, and told him to crawl under it. Immediately the pursuers came and asked if a man had entered there; she, still busy with her wheel, replied, "A little fellow rushed through here." They said they would take the liberty to search the house, and did so, but went away without finding the deserter. No doubt William Bales had good cause to think highly of what would now be thought a most ludicrous fashion. It is said he helped John Dale to build his first camp in this town; from which we infer that he probably arrived at Salem about the time Mr. Dale was starting for Salem-Canada. Mr. Bales settled on lot No. 18 in the first range. We have no record of his birth, marriage or death. We have found no record or tradition that he had more than one child, William.

2. WILLIAM, son of preceding, b. Aug. 22, 1752, settled on the homestead with his father. He bought of Josiah Blanchard twenty acres of the west part of the east half of lot No. 15 in the first range, deed dated May 3, 1780; of Margaret Stoddard and others lot No. 14 in the first

range, deed dated May 13, 1788, and of Samuel Hutchinson three acres in the north part of lot No. 13 in the first range, deed dated June 14, 1796. On the land bought of Mr. Hutchinson, he built, in 1799, the house now owned by the heirs of Edwin E. Bales. He and his son, William L., were among the first members of the Baptist society. He m., June 4, 1778, Rhoda, dau. of John and Abigail (Livermore) Keyes. Children:

3. Rhoda, b. May 16, 1779; m., Jan. 20, 1808, John Ballard; d. Jan. 15, 1839.

4. Betsey, b. Sept. 25, 1780; m., March 1, 1809, Stephen Brannam.

5. Sally, b. March 1, 1782; m., Oct. 23, 1806, John Peabody.

6. William L. (**14**), b. March 13, 1784.

7. Polly, b. Sept. 15, 1787; m., Jan. 30, 1821, Lewis E. Caswell.

8. John (**15**), b. Feb. 26, 1790.

9. Hannah, b. Jan. 1, 1792; m., Feb. 11, 1814, William T. Richardson.

10. Chloe, b. July 11, 1794; m., July 16, 1814, Isaac Abbot.

11. Ezra, b. Jan. 25, 1797; d. young.

12. Ezra (**25**), b. April 16, 1799.

13. Abiel, b. Dec. 30, 1801. Left Wilton soon after he was of age.

14. WILLIAM L. (**6**), b. March 13, 1784, was a deacon of the Baptist Church and quarter-master of the 22nd Regiment of militia. He built the old Brick Hotel, and part of that block, on the opposite side of the street, now owned by Dr. Fleeman. In Nov., 1841, he sold the east and north part of his farm to Benjamin Hopkins, and, in 1842, he sold the rest of his farm to his brother, Ezra, and removed to Ohio, where he d. over 90 yrs. of age. We have found no record of his family.

15. JOHN (**8**), b. Feb. 26, 1790; d. Jan. 25, 1858. He served his time with Ephraim Peabody to learn the blacksmith's trade, and built a shop, containing a trip-hammer, where Joseph Langdell's stable now stands. The shop remained until the Forest road was built, when it was moved to the site now occupied by the shop built by Charles A. Bales in 1866. He held several military offices in the 3rd company of the 22nd Regiment of militia, and was captain of the company in 1823–24. He m., June 29, 1813, Milly Shattuck, who d. July 23, 1877, aged 84 yrs. Children:

16. John Albert, b. March 8, 1814; d. Sept. 30, 1832.

17. Milly C., b. Nov. 1, 1817; m., April 18, 1838, A. Marshall Whittemore. Res., Greenfield; n. ch.

18. S. Brooks (**33**), b. July 25, 1819.

19. Nancy K., b. June 24, 1821; d. Jan. 8, 1824.

20. Nancy K., b. May 4, 1824.

21. Joan Marian, b. April 25, 1828.

22. Charles J., b. May 1, 1832; d. Sept. 30, 1832.

23. Charles A. (**35**), b. Feb. 24, 1835.

24. Martha A., b. May 21, 1838; d. Feb. 20, 1842.

25. EZRA (**12**), b. April 16, 1799; d. May 10, 1882. For about 19 years he owned and occupied the farm which his grandfather had cleared up. He was a famous drummer, was appointed major-drummer, and was afterwards known as Major Bales. In 1842 he moved to the farm at the village; he was a good townsman. A few years before his death he

became blind. He m., June, 1823, Hannah Wilson, who d. Feb. 14, 1877. Children:

26. Chloe A., b. May 16, 1824; m. Samuel N. Center.

27. Elsie, b. April 2, 1826; m. Sewall Adams.

28. Edwin Ezra (**39**), b. March 10, 1828.

29. Abigail W., b. Nov. 19, 1831; m., Jan. 6, 1852, William H. Barnes.

30. Hannah R., b. Sept. 13, 1835; d. Nov. 6, 1850.

31. Martha A., b. Oct. 22, 1838; m. Sumner B. Emerson.

32. Helen I., b. Oct. 22, 1842; m. Charles H. Russell.

33. S. Brooks (**18**), b. July 25, 1819; d. Oct. 1, 1860. He m. Olive, dau. of Luther Blanchard, of Milford, who resides at North Chelmsford, Mass., with their daughter:

34. Georgiana K., b. Sept. 20, 1848; m., Nov. 10, 1870, Charles H. Holt.

35. Charles A. (**23**), b. Feb. 24, 1835. He carried on the carriage-smith and blacksmith business in company with his brother, S. Brooks, until the death of the latter. He continued the business until April 1, 1871, when his health failed him, and he rented his shop and tools to W. P. Putnam for five years. At the end of that period they entered into partnership and have since done business under the firm-name of Bales & Putnam. Charles A. m., 1st, June 17, 1859, Frances M. Hardy of Greenfield, who d. at Saratoga Oct. 11, 1873. He m., 2d, Sept. 15, 1874, Sarah A. Brown of Temple, who d. Aug. 1, 1883. He m., 3d, Sept., 1884, Mary Campbell of New Boston. Children:

36. George E., b. Sept. 14, 1862; a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, and now, 1885, studying law in Boston.

37. Bessie F., b. Sept. 16, 1877.

38. Harold Campbell, b. April 16, 1887.

39. Edwin Ezra (**28**), b. March 10, 1828; d. March 30, 1884. He settled on the farm with his father, and they built a barn with a cellar under the whole building, and improved the farm by under-draining and by tearing up the dogwood bushes that had infested the pasture for many years. He was a good townsman, industrious and much respected. He m., Nov. 23, 1854, Frances A. Putnam of Lyndeborough. Children:

40. Perley Warren, b. Jan. 20, 1859; d. March 21, 1860.

41. Willie Edwin, b. Feb. 22, 1861.

42. Walter Munroe, b. April 6, 1863.

43. Chester Putnam, b. May 10, 1869.

44. Dora Belle, b. Aug. 17, 1871.

BALLARD FAMILIES.

1. Nathan Ballard, b., Andover, Mass.; d. Jan. 14, 1835, aged 90 yrs. 2 mos. He came to Wilton as early as 1765, and settled on the farm now owned by Pierce and A. H. Gage. He served several years as selectman. He was first lieut. of Capt. Benjamin Taylor's company which marched from Amherst, Dec. 8, 1775, to Winter Hill. He was captain of a company that marched from Amherst and Wilton for Ticonderoga on the alarm of June 29, 1777, as far as No. 4, Charlestown. There

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FARM OF JACOB PUTNAM.

This farm was the first settlement in the town. It was settled by Jacob Putnam, and handed down through Jacob Putnam, Jr., Caleb Putnam, to Jacob Putnam, the present occupant. This house was built in 1781.

they received orders to return, and marched back as far as Dublin. But at Dublin they were ordered by express to resume their march for Ticonderoga with all speed. They reached Otter Creek, Vt., when news came of the evacuation of the fort. The time of service was 18 days. Dr. Bouton, in his history of Concord, says that Nathan Ballard was in the battle of Bennington, as lieut. in Capt. Goss's company, and that he commanded the company on the day of the battle. He moved from Wilton to Concord about 1782. He m. Hannah Holt. Children, all born in Wilton:

2. Hannah.

3. Sarah, b. April 13, 1766; m., June 1, 1797, Capt. W. Pettengill.

4. Mary, b. May 8, 1768; m. Capt. Amos Holt.

5. Betty, b. Aug. 19, 1771; m. Richard Taylor Buss. See Buss gen.

6. Phebe, b. April 30, 1773.

7. Nathan, b. Feb. 21, 1775. Res., Concord. He worked on the farm in the summer and taught school in the winter for ten years. He m., May 29, 1800, Hannah Buss, dau. of Stephen and Phebe (Keyes) Buss. See Buss gen. They had 11 ch.

8. John (**11**), b. Feb. 22, 1778.

9. Ezra, b. Feb. 9, 1780; d. Sept. 16, 1781.

10. Timothy, b. Jan. 1, 1782; d. Jan. 11, 1782.

11. John (**8**), b. Feb. 22, 1778; d. Sept. 28, 1855. Farmer, and res. on the farm now owned by Curtis Bellows. He m., Jan. 20, 1808, Rhoda Bales, who d. Jan. 15, 1839. See Bales gen. (**3**). We have found no record of this family except on the grave-stones. Children:

12. Mary, b. 1810; d. April 14, 1865.

13. Rhoda, b. 1813; d. Nov. 2, 1864.

14. Abigail, b. 1815; d. July 3, 1816.

15. Abigail, b. 1817; d. Feb. 20, 1818.

16. Hannah J., b. 1822; d. Aug. 3, 1852.

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1. Uriah Ballard, supposed to be a brother of Capt. Nathan Ballard, settled on the farm now owned by William Abbot. We have found no record of his family, but he had one son, Uriah, and probably other children. In recorded deeds Uriah B. and Uriah B., Jun., are mentioned as joint owners of the farm. One of them, supposed to be the younger, enlisted, March, 1777, for three years, and, at the end of that period, enlisted for another term of three years. Uriah, Jun., m. Lois ———. Children:

2. David Lovejoy, b. March, 1785.

3. William, b. Oct. 2, 1787.

4. Lois, b. May 13, 1790.

BARKER FAMILIES.

1. David Barker, b. 1732, probably res. on the tenth range, which was afterward annexed to Temple. He m. Sarah Barker of Methuen, Mass., and had twenty-two children. According to Wilton record one of his sons was b. 1764.

2. THEODORE, son of preceding, b. March 31, 1762; m., 1788, Rebecca Heald; m., 2d, 1806, Elizabeth Corliss of Salem, Mass. The youngest dau. by first wife m. Stephen Putnam of Wilton, who settled in Steuben Co., N. Y. Children by 2d wife:

3. Louise, b. Oct. 11, 1807; d. June 3, 1853; m., Dec. 6, 1832, Orin Blood. A few years before she d. they removed to Wilton.

4. Theodore (**6**), b. Jan. 24, 1809.

5. Olive, b. Feb .4, 1811; m., March 1, 1831, Oliver W. Boynton. See Boynton gen.

6. THEODORE (**4**), b. Jan. 24, 1809; m., April 10, 1832, Rachel Cragin. Res., Temple. Of his children the following are residents of Wilton:

7. Nathan, b. June 16, 1833; m., Jan. 23, 1868, Lucy Maria Burton. See Burton gen; n. ch. He owns the building erected, 1829, by Col. Luther Dascomb and used for many years as a bobbin factory.

8. Theodore (**10**), b., Temple, May 4, 1835.

9. Artemas O., b. May 13, 1844; m., Jan. 23, 1883, Carrie E. Sheldon. In Sept. 1881, he opened a grocery store at East Wilton and still carries it on; he has been twice elected Supervisor of Check list.

10. THEODORE (**8**), b., Temple, May 4, 1835. He worked for Benjamin Baker in 1858, '59 and '60. On Nov. 18, 1868, he began to work for D. Whiting & Sons, and continues in their employ. He m., May 2, 1861, Electa C. Senter, who was b. June 16, 1841. Children:

11. Frank A. (**14**), b., Temple, Nov. 7, 1861.

12. Allen L., b., Wilton, March 23, 1867.

13. Herbert T., b. July 19, 1869.

14. FRANK A. (**11**), b., Temple, Nov. 7, 1861; m., March 5, 1885, Alice F. Holt of Milford, who was born Feb. 20, 1863. Child:

15. Edith Alice, b. Oct. 16, 1886.

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1. DANIEL BARKER was in Capt. William Walker's company to reenforce the army in New York from Dec. 5, 1776, to March 15, following. He m. Bathsheba ———. Children:

2. Bathsheba, b. Sept. 6, 1769.

3. Dorcas, b. May 30, 1771.

4. Phebe, b. May 3, 1773.

5. Louis, b. April 19, 1775.

6. Sarah, b. April 15, 1777.

7. Rhoda, b. April 12, 1779.

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1. LEONARD BARKER owned and lived on the farm, previously owned by John Buxton, and now belonging to John D. Wilson. In 1813 he sold his farm to Captain David Wilson and moved into the house opposite Gardner Blanchard's, where he res. about three years. He m., May 31, 1804, Hannah, dau. of Nathaniel Sawyer. Children:

2. Hannah, b., Wilton, May 23, 1807; m.; d., Troy, N. Y.

3. Leonard, b., Wilton, Jan. 26, 1809; d. June 9, 1809.

4. Anna Sawyer, b., Wilton, Oct. 22, 1810.

5. Leonard, b., Wilton, April 23, 1812; settled in Batavia, Ill.
6. Anna Sawyer, b., Wilton, Aug. 24, 1814; m.; d., Cohoes, N. Y.
7. Nathaniel Sawyer, b., Wilton; unm.; res., Salem, N. Y.
8. Phineas, b., Salem, N. Y., 1816; m.; one ch.
9. Betsey Russell, b., Salem, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1818; m.; died Cohoes, N. Y.
10. Abbot, b., Salem, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1820; m.; settled in Illinois.
11. Achsah, b., Salem, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1824; m.; res., Salem, N. Y.
12. Sarah Holt, b., Salem, N. Y., April, 1827; m.; res., Warsaw, Va.

BARNES FAMILY.

1. AARON BARNES, b., Marlborough, Mass., April 14, 1775. He was a cloth-dresser and settled in Temple in the latter part of the last century. He m. Lydia Nutting, who was b., Pepperell, Mass., June 22, 1773. Children:
2. Aaron (**9**), b., Pepperell, Mass., Feb. 15, 1798.
3. Lydia, b., Temple, Oct. 23, 1799.
4. Harvey, b., Temple, Jan. 23, 1801. He came to Wilton in 1825, and traded for two or three years in the east part of the house now owned by Gardner Blanchard. For two years of the time he was postmaster.
5. William, b., Temple, Aug. 24, 1803.
6. Martha, b., Temple, Sept. 10, 1807.
7. Achsah, b., Temple, Aug. 3, 1809.
8. John, b., Temple, May 27, 1812.
9. AARON (**2**), b., Pepperell, Mass., Feb. 15, 1798; d. Aug. 12, 1870. He occupied the mill in Temple formerly owned by his father until 1835, then res. in Pepperell for four years. In 1839 he came to Wilton and carried on the saw mill and carding and clothing mill, formerly owned by Oliver Whiting, which he finally bought. His mill was the last used in Wilton for dressing cloth of domestic manufacture. On Nov. 30, 1822, he was commissioned cornet, and afterward second lieut. and first lieut. and on April 16, 1827, captain of the cavalry in the 22d regt. of militia. He m. Hepsey, dau. of Maj. Francis Blood of Temple, who was b. Sept. 19, 1797; d. March 2, 1870. See Blood gen. Children:
10. Lydia L., b., Temple, Aug. 12, 1820; m., Nov. 16, 1843, David Lovejoy. See Lovejoy gen.
11. Aaron F., b., Temple, April 28, 1823; d., Nashua, Feb. 21, 1885. He was a painter and paper hanger. He m., 1st, Nancy Campbell, by whom he had one son, George F., who d. May 30, 1871, aged 14 years. He m., 2d, Ellen Marvell of Milford, by whom he had two daughters.
12. Helen M., b., Temple, Feb. 20, 1827; m., Dec. 14, 1843, Joshua M. Holt. See Holt gen.
13. William Harvey (**16**), b., Temple, May 4, 1831.
14. Infant son, b. June 30, 1834.
15. Charles E., b., Pepperell, Mass., March 24, 1836; d., Hot Springs, Ark., July 14, 1870. A jeweller and watch-maker. He suffered much from illness and lameness.

16. William Harvey (**13**), b., Temple, May 4, 1831. His business for many years was cloth dressing, wool carding and sawing lumber. He has been selectman for two years, and sexton for several years past. For some years he has received summer boarders. He m., Jan. 6, 1852, Abigail W., dau. of Ezra and Hannah (Wilson) Bales. See Bales gen., (**29**). Children:

17. Fred Willis, b. Oct. 14, 1857.

18. Las Casas, b. July 20, 1863.

BARRETT FAMILIES.

1. Ebenezer Barrett, eldest son of Oliver and Anna (Fiske) Barrett, was b., Chelmsford, Mass., March 10, 1762; d. Feb. 10, 1826. He m. Jane Reed, who was b., Westford, Mass., July 13, 1770. She m., 2d, March 17, 1831, Ephraim Woodward of Lyndeborough and d., April 13, 1849, aged 78 yrs. 9 mos. Children:

2. Nancy, b., Westford, Mass., Dec. 28, 1790; m., Dec. 27, 1810, Edward Herrick. See Herrick gen.

3. Oliver, b., Westford, Nov. 21, 1792; d. Sept. 21, 1795.

4. Zimri (**8**), b., Westford, Nov. 3, 1795.

5. Oliver (**14**), b., Westford, Feb. 5, 1798.

6. Eliza, b., Groton, Mass., Aug. 12, 1802; m., July 17, 1823, Uzziel Sheldon of Wilton, and d. June 14, 1869. See Sheldon gen.

7. Roxana, b., Wilton, Oct. 12, 1805; d. Jan. 5, 1806.

8. Zimri (**4**), b., Westford, Mass., Nov. 3, 1795; d. May 3, 1860. At the time of his marriage he owned a part of the farm, known as the Batchelder farm, where he lived ten years, when he sold this and bought the place owned by James R. Means. He lived there but a few years, sold the place and bought the portion, yet unsold, of the Samuel Hutchinson farm at East Wilton, on which the business part of the village is now situated. He was an honest, intelligent and upright man, a good citizen, a kind neighbor, an indulgent husband and father, a moral, liberal-minded man, a successful farmer and highly respected. He m., Sept. 30, 1830, Persis, eldest dau. of Daniel and Persis (Maynard) Batchelder. See Batchelder gen (**21**). Children:

9. Samuel (**20**), b. Aug. 7, 1831.

10. Persis Jane, b. Aug. 11, 1832; unm.; d., Wilton, Feb. 27, 1886.

11. Almira, b. Oct. 25, 1833; d. Oct. 4, 1855.

12. William (**25**), b. July 2, 1836.

13. Nancy Elizabeth (**29**), b. Sept. 29, 1838.

14. Oliver (**5**), b., Westford, Mass., Feb. 5, 1798; d. Nov. 23, 1876. He was an industrious and successful farmer, res. until his death on the homestead bought by his father in 1803. He was a man of good natural ability, strengthened and improved by general reading and self-culture. He held military offices up to the rank of major, was town clerk for two years, selectman for eleven years, representative to the Legislature for several years, and, in 1850, was a delegate to the convention for revising the constitution of the state. He took an earnest and active interest in

church, educational and town affairs, was for several years a deacon of the Second Congregational Church and a liberal supporter thereof. He m., Feb. 28, 1822, Lucy K. Chandler of Andover, Mass., who d. March 27, 1851, aged 55 yrs. He m., 2d, Jan. 20, 1853, Cynthia J. Kidder of Lyndeborough. Children:

15. Lucy Jane, b. Oct. 8, 1822; d. Feb. 21, 1823.

16. Joseph Chandler (**32**), b. Dec. 12, 1823.

17. Lucy Jane, b. Oct. 27, 1825; m., April 28, 1846, Ferdinand S. Hutchinson. See Hutchinson gen.

18. Oliver Reed, b. Jan. 27, 1828; d. April 11, 1846.

19. Charles Edwin (**38**), b. March 10, 1833.

20. SAMUEL (**9**), b. Aug. 30, 1831. He res. in Wilton until March, 1869, and was town clerk for one year, selectman and town treasurer for several years, and representative to the Legislature for two years. For several years he was ticket agent and clerk at the railroad station in Wilton. In March, 1869, he went to Portsmouth and was employed for a few years as freight agent; since then he has been the general freight agent of the Concord Railroad and its branches. Res. Concord. He m., Nov. 28, 1858, Mary E. Ray, dau. of David M. and Hannah B. (Holt) Ray, who was b., Wilton, Dec. 17, 1837. Children:

21. George William, b., Wilton, Dec. 21, 1861; d. Aug. 2, 1862.

22. George William, b., Wilton, Oct. 5, 1863; d. Sept. 15, 1864.

23. Frank, b., Wilton, July 5, 1868; d. Aug. 23, 1868.

24. Blanche, b., Portsmouth, Sept. 22, 1869.

25. WILLIAM (**12**), b. July 2, 1836. He prepared for college at Appleton Academy, Mont Vernon, and under the instruction of Hon. George Stevens, at Lowell, Mass. He grad. at Harvard College, 1859; studied law in the office of Hon. Aaron P. Hughes, at Nashua; spent one year at the law school of Harvard Univ., and was admitted, May, 1861, to the Suffolk County bar in Boston, Mass. He was elected in March, 1861, representative from Wilton to the State Legislature, and, at the end of the session in July, 1861, began the practice of his profession at Nashua. While residing in Nashua he served one term as city solicitor, and one term as member of the superintending school committee, declining a reëlection. In 1871 he was appointed by Governor Weston a member of his staff with the rank of colonel. In the same year he was appointed by the Governor county solicitor for the county of Hillsborough. He served the full term of five years, and, while holding the office, conducted the prosecution of Elwin W. Major for poisoning his wife.* In June, 1876, he removed from Nashua to Saint Paul, Minn., where he now resides. In Sept., 1882, he was appointed by the Mayor of Saint Paul a member of the Board of Public Works to fill a vacancy. In March, 1883, and in 1886, he was reappointed member of the board for terms of three years, and in 1885 and 1886 he was elected president of the board. He m., Sept. 24,

*See, *ante*, page 182.

1861, Sarah Ellen Paige, dau. of Christopher and Maria (Leslie) Paige, of Nashua. Children:

26. William Paige, b., Nashua, July 4, 1862.

27. Nellie King, b., Nashua, April 11, 1869; d. Aug. 22, 1876.

28. Alice Gertrude, b., Saint Paul, Minn., Nov. 7, 1878.

29. NANCY ELIZABETH (**13**), b. Sept. 29, 1838; m., Sept. 5, 1861, William K. Baldwin, son of Samuel Baldwin, of Bennington, who began business in Wilton as a merchant a few years before his marriage, continued the business until his last illness, and d. Feb. 12, 1877, aged 41 yrs., 3 mos., 11 days. Children:

30. Samuel Woodbury (Baldwin), b., Wilton, Feb. 19, 1863.

31. George Palmer (Baldwin), b., Wilton, July 27, 1870.

32. JOSEPH CHANDLER (**16**), b. Dec. 12, 1823. He was fitted for college at Phillips Andover Academy and grad. at Dartmouth College, 1850, taking high rank in his class. Since graduation he has been chiefly engaged in teaching. Present res., Worcester, Mass. He m., Nov. 15, 1853, Sarah Ann Hillard, of Framingham, Mass. Children:

33. Charles Hillard, b., Melrose, Mass., Oct. 25, 1854.

34. Lucy Chandler, b., Hampton, Nov. 7, 1858.

35. Helen Louise, b. Feb. 1, 1861; d., Hampton, March 23, 1863.

36. Sarah Eliza, b., Hampton, Dec. 9, 1862.

37. Annie King, b., Worcester, Mass., Dec. 23, 1871; d., Worcester, June 12, 1872.

38. CHARLES EDWIN (**19**), b. March 10, 1833. He is a farmer, owned and carried on a milk route in Boston for a few years, and has since resided on the homestead bought by his grandfather, Ebenezer, in 1803; has been selectman for two years. He m., June 3, 1858, Ann Elizabeth Burns, of Milford. Children:

39. Lucien Burns, b., Wilton, July 13, 1859; d. Nov. 1, 1859.

40. Jennie Louise, b., Wilton, July 2, 1864.

41. Edwin Chandler, b., Milford, March 26, 1866; d. Aug. 19, 1866.

42. Edwin Hurd, b., Boston, Mass., Aug. 16, 1870.

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1. BENJAMIN FISKE BARRETT, son of Oliver and Anna (Fiske) Barrett, was b., Billerica, Mass., Jan. 16, 1770; d., Springfield, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1844. Major Barrett res. in Wilton from 1803 to 1811 and was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. He m., Jan. 1, 1795, Betsey Gerrish. Four of his sons received a collegiate education, and three, Samuel, Gerrish and Fiske, became ministers. Children:

2. Samuel (**13**), b., Royalston, Mass., Aug. 11, 1795.

3. Gerrish (**22**), b., Royalston, July 4, 1797.

4. Betsey, b., Royalston, Jan. 11, 1800; d. Feb. 1, 1800.

5. Benjamin (**26**), b., Royalston, Oct. 21, 1801.

6. Oliver (**30**), b , Wilton, Oct. 26, 1803.

7. Betsey, b., Wilton, Aug. 24, 1805; d. July 9, 1806.

8. Almira (**37**), b., Wilton, Aug. 27, 1808.

9. Fiske, b., Wilton, Jan. 21, 1810; d. July 13, 1810.

10. William (**42**), b., Springfield, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1812.

11. Fiske (**44**), b., Springfield, N. Y., March 1, 1816.

12. George (**49**), b., Springfield, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1818.

13. SAMUEL (**2**), b., Royalston, Mass., Aug. 11, 1795; d., Roxbury, Mass., June 24, 1866. For account of his life see page 286 of this History. He m., Sept. 11, 1832, Mary Susan Greenwood, who d. March 15, 1874, aged 68 yrs. Children:

14. Mary Greenwood, b., Boston, June 15, 1833.

15. Frances Langdon, b. Dec. 27, 1834.

16. George Samuel, b. Sept. 5, 1836.

17. Charles Henry, b. Sept. 9, 1838.

18. Ellen Maria, b. Jan. 10, 1841.

19. Grace Cleveland, b. Dec. 15, 1844.

20. Francis Greenwood, b. July 7, 1848.

21. Arthur William, b. Nov. 24, 1851.

22. GERRISH (**3**), b., Royalston, Mass., July 4, 1797. He grad. at Union College, N. Y., 1824, and at Princeton Theological School, N. J. 1827. He devoted his life to the cause of prison discipline; was chaplain of the state prison at Sing Sing, N. Y.; agent of the Prison Discipline Society, and chaplain of the state prison at Wethersfield, Conn. He m., Oct. 14, 1847, Mrs. Catharine (Cooley) Purdy. Children, of whom the two sons are clergymen:

23. William Cooley, b. July 12, 1848.

24. Charles Scudder, b. June 29, 1850.

25. Sarah Lucinda, b. May 13, 1853; d. May 16, 1859.

26. BENJAMIN (**5**), b., Royalston, Mass., Oct. 21, 1801. He is supposed to have died of cholera on a steamer bound for New Orleans. He m., May 27, 1830, Lois Walradt. He m., 2d, Oct. 17, 1844, Eliza Rapelye Provoost. Children:

27. George, b. April 12, 1834; d. April 11, 1835.

28. Benjamin Bousfield, b. Sept. 2, 1846; d. May 23, 1847.

29. Eliza Maria, b. April 4, 1850.

30. OLIVER (**6**), b., Wilton. Oct. 26, 1803; m., Feb. 19, 1841, Elizabeth Westcott, who d. Feb. 26, 1856. Children:

31. Mary Palmer, b. Feb. 13, 1842.

32. Benjamin Gerrish, b. Oct. 14, 1844.

33. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Aug. 19, 1847.

34. George James Westcott, b. Aug. 19, 1849.

35. Eleanor Westcott, b. Jan. 2, 1852.

36. Anna Sophia, b. Nov. 17, 1853.

37. ALMIRA (**8**), b., Wilton, Aug. 27, 1808; d. March 11, 1886. She m., Oct. 10, 1832, Dr. George W. Cleveland, who d. Dec. 4, 1884, aged 76 yrs. Children:

38. Orlando Samuel (Cleveland), b. Nov. 21, 1833; d. Oct. 22, 1835.

39. Alice Cornelia (Cleveland), b. Sept. 18, 1836.

40. George Barrett (Cleveland), b. Aug. 6, 1838.

41. William Fiske (Cleveland), b. Aug. 30, 1844

42. WILLIAM (**10**), b., Springfield, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1812. He grad. Union College, 1837; studied law and attained high rank in his profession. He m., Oct. 15, 1845, Cornelia C. Ely, who d. March 28, 1849, aged 28 yrs; m., 2d, Oct. 14, 1851, Sarah Eliza Tompkins. Child:

43. William Tompkins, b. Aug. 30, 1853.

44. FISKE (**11**), b., Springfield, N. Y., March 1, 1816; d. Nov. 25, 1879. He grad. at Union College, 1842; at Harvard Divinity School, 1849, and was settled over the Unitarian Society in Lexington, Mass., 1849, and later over other societies. He was a devoted and useful man. He m., June 8, 1853, Anna E. Henchman of Boston, Mass., who d., South Braintree, Mass., Nov. 26, 1864, aged 34 yrs. Children:

45. Mary Eliza, b. March 7, 1854.

46. Susan Fiske, b. Aug. 19, 1857.

47. Anna Theresa, b. Jan. 1, 1859.

48. Elizabeth Faulker, b. Oct. 30, 1863.

49. GEORGE (**12**), b. Sept. 19, 1818; m., Jan. 15, 1851, Elizabeth O. Gilchrist. Child:

50. Samuel Gilchrist, b. March 20, 1853.*

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1. GEORGE BARRETT, b., Mason, Nov. 30, 1821. He came to Wilton in 1851 and bought what was formerly known as the Farnum farm. He is a good townsman and a successful farmer. He m., Sept. 15, 1851, Zoa Blood, who was born in Mason, March 6, 1825. Children:

2. Celia Imogen, b. April 14, 1853; d. Oct. 27, 1857.

3. Oldis A., b. May 12, 1855; m. Albert W. Steele, July 8, 1875. See Steele gen.

4. Wilber Evan, b. Dec. 13, 1858.

5. Elsie Cora, b. April 4, 1861; m., April 17, 1884, Andrew E. Swaliow.

6. Everett O., b. Jan. 7, 1863.

7. Mystie May, b. Oct. 19, 1866; d. June 29, 1869.

BATCHELDER FAMILY.

1. JOSEPH BATCHELDER, who d., Wilton, May 19, 1816, aged 96 yrs., emigrated from England and res. several years in Andover, Mass.; a weaver by trade. Children, of whom we have any account:

2. Joseph settled in Greenfield. We find his name, with others, on an order to the Committee of Safety of N. H., dated, Lyndeborough, Dec. 8, 1777, "to pay to Capt. Peter Clark what wages is due to us upon the Alarm last July at Ticonderoga."

3. Archelaus (**5**).

4. Daniel (**8**), b. 1749 or 1750.

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*The grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Major Benjamin Fiske Barrett are numerous and influential, but our limits do not permit us to give a more extended account of the family. For a complete history of the family we would refer to an excellent monograph, the Barrett genealogy, by William Barrett, Esq., of St. Paul, Minn.

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5. ARCHELAUS (**3**), res. several years in Wilton. He was a sergeant in Capt. Goss's company and was wounded at Bennington, Aug. 16, 1777. Selectman of Wilton, 1779. Removed to Milford prior to 1795. He m. Betty ———. Children:

6. John Putnam, b. Aug. 6, 1784.

7. Betty, b. Nov. 26, 1791.

8. DANIEL (**4**), b. 1749 or 1750; d. March 17, 1832, aged 82 yrs. Formerly of Andover, Mass. His eldest child was b. in Mile Slip, where he owned 70 acres of east part of lot No. 7, first range in Wilton. June 11, 1778, he bought lots numbered 8 and 9 in the ninth range, on which he lived several years. Aug. 30, 1791, he bought lots numbered 19 in the seventh and eighth ranges, also a lot 40x30 rods in N. W. corner of lot No. 18 in seventh range. His buildings were on the last named lot; he made other additions to his farm. He was in the army at Saratoga in 1777. He m., 1775, Rebecca, dau. of Joseph and Deborah (Blanchard) Abbot of Andover, afterward of Wilton. She was b. June 19, 1754; d. April 19, 1795. He m., 2d, a Miss Kidder of New Ipswich. Children:

9. Rebecca, b. Dec. 20, 1775; d. 1805; m., Jan. 24, 1799, William Abbot, Jun., of Wilton.

10. Betty, b. Aug. 4, 1777; m., Jan. 27, 1799, Jonathan Abbot of Andover, Mass., and Bethel, Me.

11. Judith Ray, b. June 21, 1779; m., March 24, 1803, Joel Abbot of Wilton.

12. Daniel (**20**), b. May 15, 1781.

13. John, b. May 6, 1783; d. young.

14. Molly, b. March 11, 1784; m., 1806, John Cutter of Jaffrey.

15. Joseph, b. March 20, 1786; d. Aug. 30, 1788.

16. John, b. March 17, 1788; d. March 5, 1795.

17. Hermon (**27**), b. Aug. 8, 1790.

18. Hannah, b. May 2, 1793; m., 1818, Nathaniel Richardson of Philadelphia, Pa.

19. Lydia Abbot, b. March 18, 1795; m., 1819, Abner Shattuck.

20. DANIEL (**12**), b. May 15, 1781. He was a farmer and a life-long resident of Wilton; selectman for eight years; representative to General Court in 1835, '36 and '37; state senator from the seventh district in 1849, '50. He was sometimes called to act as referee in cases where parties were unable to agree. He m., 1805, Persis Maynard of Temple. Children:

21. Persis, b. May 31, 1808; m., Sept. 30, 1830, Zimri Barrett. See Barrett gen. (**8**).

22. Rebecca, b. April 7, 1810; m., May 6, 1834, Franklin Brooks.

23. Caleb Maynard (**32**), b. Jan. 26, 1812.

24. Elizabeth M., b. Aug. 15, 1813; m., March 26, 1837, Fisk Russell.

25. Emily, b. Sept. 11, 1815; d. Feb. 5, 1849.

26. Adeline, b. Aug. 26, 1817; d. Oct. 8, 1885.

27. HERMON (**17**), b. Aug. 8, 1790. Res. on homestead with his father until about 1829, when he became financially embarrassed and

removed to Cicero, N. Y. He m. Polly, dau. of Major Francis Blood of Temple. See Blood gen. Children, of whom we find any record:

28. Mary, b. March 3, 1815.

29. Fiducia, b. May 2, 1818.

30. Sarah, b. May 7, 1820.

31. Rebecca Jane, b. Feb. 10, 1823.

32. Caleb Maynard (**23**), b. Jan. 26, 1812. A farmer and res. on the homestead; is industrious and has no taste for doing any other business than his own. He m., Feb. 13, 1859, Emily A. Buss, dau. of Stephen and Sally (Abbot) Buss, who was b. Aug. 30, 1829. See Buss gen. Children:

33. George M. (**37**), b. Nov. 20, 1859.

34. Charles D., b. Nov. 25, 1862.

35. William E., b. Jan. 24, 1866; d. May 10, 1885.

36. Albert D., b. May 5, 1869; d. May 9, 1885.

37. George M. (**33**), b. Nov. 20, 1859; m., Dec., 1885, A. Isabel Kimball. Child:

38. Erland Graves, b. May 10, 1887.

BEARD FAMILY.

1. Luke Beard, b. 1810; d. March 7, 1854. For many years he was in business in Boston, and for some years a member of the firm of Boyd & Beard. In 1853 he built the elegant set of buildings on the bluff near the junction of the streams in the village, which are still owned and occupied by his heirs. He m. Hannah W., dau. of Mark D. Perkins, of Mount Vernon. She m., 2d, Peter H. Putnam, and d. Feb. 8, 1884, aged 65 yrs. Children:

2. Albert (**6**), b. Jan. 31, 1841.

3. Horace, b. July 5, 1843, has been an invalid from infancy, and for several years has been unable to walk. He rides out daily in good weather; enjoys reading and is well-informed about the occurrences of his time. Few would bear his infirmities with so much patience.

4. Emily (**8**), b., Cambridgeport, Mass., July 20, 1846.

5. Luke (**10**), b. Nov. 10, 1854.

6. Albert (**2**), b. Jan. 31, 1841. For a few years he was in business in Nashua, but for several years has res. in Wilton. He m., Jan. 3, 1865, Jennie L. Williams. Child:

7. Stella Pratt, b., Milford, Dec. 27, 1867.

8. Emily (**4**), b., Cambridgeport, Mass., July 20, 1846; m., May 12, 1874, Nathan Barnes Boutwell, who was b. July 31, 1836. Mr. Boutwell was adjt. of the 13th Regt., N. H. V., and was severely wounded while in service. By his first wife, N. Lizzie (Boutwell), who was b., Troy, N. H., June 10, 1834, and d. Nov. 3, 1865, he had one son, Leslie Barnes, who was b. July 28, 1860. Child of Nathan Barnes and Emily (Beard) Boutwell:

9. Horace Keith (Boutwell), b., Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 4, 1876.

10. Luke (**5**), b. Nov. 10, 1854. He has for nine years been engaged in manufacturing Beard's patent spring to prevent carriage shafts from rattling; office, 63 Court St., Boston. He m., Sept., 1876, Abbie Frances Curtis, who was b., Lyndeborough, June 10, 1856. Children:

11. Florence Lena, b. Feb. 8, 1879.

12. Elmer, b. March 17, 1882; d. April 15, 1882.

13. Gertrude M., b. June 24, 1887.

BEEDE FAMILY.

1. Thomas Beede, b., Poplin, Nov. 28, 1771; d. Nov. 30, 1848. For account of his life see p. 253 of this History. He m., Jan. 20, 1805, Nancy Wilder, dau. of Jonathan Kimball, of Harvard, Mass., who d. Feb. 11, 1844. Children:

2. Nancy Wilder (**8**), b. May 6, 1806.

3. George Kimball, b. July 2, 1809; d., Eastport, Me., aged 21 years. He was a young man of much promise and his death was a severe shock to his parents and the rest of the family.

4. Abigail, b. Oct. 3, 1810; d., Duxbury, Mass., unm.

5. Hannah Rockwood (**15**), b. July 23, 1812.

6. Thomas (**17**), b. Jan. 31, 1816.

7. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 21, 1817; d. about 1842.

8. Nancy Wilder, b. May 6, 1806; m., March 20, 1828, Stephen Abbot, who was b. Sept. 25, 1804, and d. Aug. 4, 1873. See Buss gen. Near the time of his marriage Mr. Abbot began to trade in the brick store at the middle of the town, and was postmaster from 1828 to 1837. He afterward removed to Syracuse, N. Y. When the emigration to California began he removed to that state and res. there the rest of his life. Mrs. Abbot is now living at Antioch, Cal.; a woman of much intelligence and universally respected. Children:

9. Louise Ann (Abbot) (**21**), b. Dec. 15, 1829.

10. Sarah (Abbot) (**27**), b. Jan. 24, 1832.

11. George Kimball (Abbot), b. July 7, 1835; d. June, 1836.

12. Mary Frances (Abbot) (**34**), b. Nov. 19, 1837.

13. Abby Lucia (Abbot) (**41**), b. July 8, 1840.

14. Emily (Abbot) (**45**), b. March 16, 1849.

15. Hannah Rockwood (**5**), b. July 23, 1812; d. July 9, 1881. See p. 260 of this History. She m., May 12, 1836, Alexander Hamilton Stewart of Farmington, Me. Child:

16. Samuel Barrett (Stewart) (**47**), b., Farmington, June 9, 1839.

17. Thomas (**6**), b. Jan. 31, 1816. He writes, April 29, 1887, from Seattle, W. T.: "In early life I was engaged in staging from Farmington, Me., to Portland, and from Dixfield to Livermore. In 1857 I went to Illinois and there engaged in mercantile business. Three years since I came to Washington Territory and have retired from active business. Next autumn, if living, I shall go to California, where I expect to spend the rest of my days." He m., Oct. 19, 1842, Lucia S., dau. of Moses Merrill of New Gloucester, Me., who was b. July 29, 1819. Children:

18. George K. (**54**), b. July 6, 1844.

19. Albert T. (**58**), b. Sept. 26, 1845.

20. Henry Fuller (**64**), b. Nov. 16, 1850.

21. Louise Ann (Abbot) (**9**), b. Dec. 15, 1829; m., Dec. 21, 1848, Azro Fowler of Royalton, Vt. Res. Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Children:

22. George Abbot (Fowler), b. July 1, 1851.

23. Samuel Stewart (Fowler), b. Oct. 28, 1860.

24. Edward Beede (Fowler), b. Sept. 27, 1865.

25. Francis Jay (Fowler), b. Oct. 28, 1868.

26. Anna Louise (Fowler), b. Aug. 8, 1874.

27. Sarah (Abbot) (**10**), b. Jan. 24, 1832; d. May 25, 1883; m., Oct. 20, 1851, Samuel Sellers of Philadelphia, Penn. They resided in Brentwood, Cal. Children:

28. Mary Cadwallader (Sellers), b. Sept. 6, 1852.

29. George (Sellers), b. March 1, 1854.

30. Stephen Abbot (Sellers), b. July 31, 1855.

31. Samuel (Sellers), b. Sept. 21, 1858.

32. Charles Sumner (Sellers), b. June 3, 1862.

33. Edward Garrett (Sellers), b. July 24, 1864.

34. Mary Frances (Abbot) (**12**), b. Nov. 19, 1837; m., Nov. 16, 1859, Isaiah A. Wilcox of Little Falls, N. Y. Res. Santa Clara, Cal. Children:

35. Frank Asa (Wilcox), b., Fruitvale, Cal., Nov. 16, 1860.

36. Alonzo Abbot (Wilcox), b. Sept. 6, 1862; d. Aug. 24, 1865.

37. Harry Warren (Wilcox), b. Sept. 4, 1866.

38. Walter Irving (Wilcox), b. June 18, 1870.

39. Emily Augusta (Wilcox), b. Feb. 14, 1878.

40. Irving Alonzo (Wilcox), b. March 13, 1880.

41. Abby Lucia (Abbot) (**13**), b. July 8, 1840; m., July 23, 1862, G. Clowes Carman of St. John, New Brunswick. Res. Antioch, Cal. Children:

42. Edwin Abbot (Carman), b. March 1, 1864.

43. Elizabeth (Carman), b. May 15, 1868.

44. Stephen Abbot (Carman), b. Dec. 4, 1873.

45. Emily (Abbot) (**14**), b. March 16, 1849; d. March 29, 1871; m., Nov., 1868, Jay Tuttle of Nottingham. Child:

46. Arthur Cornwall (Tuttle), b. Feb. 17, 1870.

47. Samuel Barrett (Stewart) (**16**), b., Farmington, Me., June 9, 1839. He preached a short time at Nashua, then removed to Lynn, Mass., where he has been pastor of the Unitarian Society for more than twenty years; is a director of the American Unitarian Association. He m., Dec. 17, 1863, Annie Ottolina Bixby, who was b., Surinam, South America, Oct. 31, 1840. Children:

48. Edward Bixby (Stewart), b., Nashua, Feb. 17, 1865.

49. Arthur Beede (Stewart), b., Lynn, Mass., Nov. 29, 1866; d. March 9, 1872.

50. Samuel Barrett (Stewart), b., Lynn, Jan. 27, 1868.

51. George Hamilton (Stewart), b. March 18, 1873; d. Aug. 23, 1873.

52. Marion Francis (Stewart), b., Lynn, Aug. 8, 1874.

53. Ottolina Bixby (Stewart), b., Lynn, June 22, 1882.

54. GEORGE K. (**18**), b. July 6, 1844; m., Dec. 21, 1871, Theresa Newton, dau. of Judge M. Newton of Kansas. Res. Seattle, W. T. Children:

55. George, b., Ellsworth, Kansas, June 17, 1874.

56. Mary Josephine, b., Kankakee, Ill., Oct. 1, 1875.

57. George N., b., Kankakee, Ill., March 24, 1879.

58. ALBERT T. (**19**), b. Sept. 26, 1845; m., Jan. 13, 1876, Belle McNulty, dau. of Judge James J. McNulty, formerly of Louisiana. Res. Seattle, W. T. Children:

59. Thomas Jay.

60. Ethel.

61. James Jerrold.

62. Geoffrey Cecil.

63. Helen Beatrice.

64. HENRY FULLER (**20**), b. Nov. 16, 1850; m., April 14, 1872, Margaret Ellen McNulty, sister of his brother Albert's wife. Res. Antioch, Cal. Children:

65. Harry McNulty, b. April 13, 1873.

66. Charles Francis Tyler, b. Oct. 15, 1874.

67. Mary Lucia, b. April 17, 1877.

68. Ralph Merrill, b. Jan. 14, 1879.

69. Olive, b. Nov. 1, 1881.

70. La Roy Wemple, b. Jan. 21, 1883.

71. Arthur Chamberlain, b. Sept. 13, 1885.

BLANCHARD FAMILIES.

1. THOMAS BLANCHARD came from Hampshire, England, in 1639. Res. some years in Braintree, Mass. In Feb., 1651, he bought for £200 a house and farm of 200 acres on the Mystic side of Charlestown, Mass., where he d. May 21, 1654. Had four sons.

2. SAMUEL, son of preceding, b., England, Aug. 6, 1629; d., Andover, Mass., April 22, 1707. He lived first in Charlestown, where all his children were born, and removed with his family to Andover, June 10, 1686, where he owned much land, and was constable and collector of taxes. He m., Jan. 3, 1654–55, Mary, dau. of Seth Sweetser of Charlestown, who d. Feb. 20, 1668–69, and by whom he had six children. He m., 2d, June 24, 1673, Hannah, dau. of Thomas Doggett of Marshfield, Mass., who d., Andover, July 10, 1725, by whom he had four children.

3. Jonathan (**5**), son of Samuel by 1st wife, b. May 25, 1664.

4. Thomas (**7**), son of Samuel by 2d wife, b. April 28, 1674.

5. JONATHAN (**3**), b., Charlestown, May 25, 1664; m., May 26, 1685, Anna, dau. of John Lovejoy of Andover.

6. Stephen (**10**), son of preceding, b., 1702.

7. THOMAS (**4**), b., Charlestown, April 28, 1671; d. March 17, 1759. He m., March 22, 1698–9, Rose Holmes of Marshfield, Mass., who d. Aug. 27, 1714, and by whom he had nine children, two of whom, given below, had descendants residing in Wilton. He m., 2d, Sept. 21, 1715, Mrs.

Hannah Gowen of Lynn, Mass., who d. June 25, 1724, and by whom he had three children. He m., 3d, Feb. 21, 1726, Mrs. Judith Hill of Malden, Mass., who d. Dec. 1, 1767.

8. Joseph (**13**), b. Feb. 19, 1700.

9. Josiah (**15**), b. Aug. 16, 1704.

10. Stephen (**6**), b., 1702; d., Andover, Jan. 8, 1769. He m., Aug. 10, 1724, Deborah Phelps and had ten children, of whom the two given below resided in Wilton.

11. Nathan, b., Andover, March 30, 1730. He m., July 2, 1752, Bathsheba, dau. of Joseph and Deborah (Blanchard) Abbot, who was b. Sept. 16, 1735, and d. Dec., 1784. On Dec. 4, 1763, they were both dismissed from the church at Andover to form a church in Wilton. No account of their children, if any, is found in the Wilton records.*

12. David (**18**), b. April 10, 1740.

13. Joseph (**8**), b. Feb. 19, 1700; m., April 4, 1722, Sarah, dau. of Nathaniel Abbot of Andover. They had eight children b. in Andover, one of whom res. in Wilton, namely:

14. Jeremiah (**27**), b. June, 1733.

15. Josiah (9), b. Aug. 16, 1704; d. April 10, 1783. He owned land in several places in Wilton. In a MS. book are found the following items in his handwriting: "My Barn at Wilton was set up in May, 1765, and Joshua entered my service Oct. 30, the same year, on my place there." "Oct. 29, 1765, Joshua and Ben. went off to Wilton with 20 sheep to winter there." By a deed dated Aug. 16, 1769, he conveys "for the love I bear to my son Joshua" lot No. 4 in the 2d range. In like manner he conveys to his son Benjamin, July 15, 1776, 18¼ acres of S. E. part of lot No. 3 in 2d range. He m., Dec. 23, 1730, Sarah Blanchard, who d. Sept. 11, 1778. They had seven children, of whom the two youngest, named below, res. in Wilton:

16. Joshua (**39**), b. Nov. 13, 1746.

17. Benjamin (**49**), b. July 3, 1750.

18. David (**12**), b. April 10, 1740; m. Margaret ———. Children:

19. Nathan, b. Sept. 12, 1763; d. Aug. 7, 1770.

20. Peter Dolever, b. June 16, 1765.

21. Annas, b. May 2, 1767; m., Sept. 28, 1784, Benjamin T. Rideout.

22. Deborah, b. May 30, 1769.

23. Nathan, b. June 30, 1772.

24. Nehemiah, b. Oct. 18, 1774.

25. Chloe, b. Oct. 17, 1776.

26. Ralph, b. July 6, 1780; d. Nov. 21, 1782.

27. Jeremiah (**14**), b., Andover, Mass., June, 1733; d., Weston, Vt., Jan. 27, 1826. He served in the French and Indian war; was at the siege

* The two following births are found in the Wilton records: "Moses, son of Stephen Blanchard and Lucy his wife, was born Oct. 21, 1776." "Hannah, dau. of Abiel Blanchard and Hannah his wife, was born Oct. 28, 1795." It is not known how the Stephen and Abiel, here mentioned, were related to the other Blanchards of Wilton, but it is possible that they were sons of Nathan (**11**).

of Fort William Henry, taken prisoner and escaped; also served during the Revolutionary war. He was last taxed in Wilton in 1808, and removed to Weston, Vt. He m., May 17, 1759, Dorothy Smith of Andover; m., 2d, between 1769 and 1774, Susanna Martin. The births of his five youngest children are recorded in Wilton. Children:

28. Jeremiah, b. Sept. 17, 1761; served in Revolution.

29. Peter, b. Aug. 12, 1767; removed to Weston, Vt.

30. Eber, b. Jan. 14, 1769.

31. Sarah, b. Nov. 2, 1774.

32. Dolly, or Dorothy, born Nov. 2, 1776.

33. Judith, b. Oct. 15, 1778; m. Benjamin Steele. See Steele gen.

34. Henry, b. March 30, 1781.

35. John, b. Nov. 26, 1782.

36. Hannah, b. March 27, 1785.

37. William, b. Feb. 10, 1788. Removed to Canton, N. Y.

38. Aaron, b. July 20, 1791.

39. JOSHUA (**16**), b. Nov. 13, 1746; d. Oct. 10, 1818. A man of very decided opinions and much respected; selectman for one year and often on important committees. A part of his farm is now owned by George H. Keyes. He m., June 30, 1770, Elizabeth, dau. of John and Abigail (Livermore) Keyes, who d. July 14, 1817, aged 72 yrs. Children:

40. Joshua (**58**), b. July 8, 1771.

41. Amos, b. Jan. 14, 1773. Res. Andover, Mass. Was many years cashier of the Andover Bank, systematic and exact in all his business transactions. He was father of Rev. Amos Blanchard, D. D., for many years pastor of First Cong. Ch., and of Kirk St. Ch., Lowell, Mass.

42. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 6, 1774; d. Nov. 20, 1857; unm.; res. in Wilton until death of her parents, afterwards in Andover.

43. Eunice, b. Aug. 8, 1776; d. Sept. 24, 1779[?].

44. Eunice, b. June 6, 1778; d. Jan. 4, 1850. She m., Jan. 30, 1800, Jeremiah Abbot, Jun. See Abbot gen.

45. Ezra, b. March 23, 1780; d. June 4, 1805.

46. Abel, b. Oct. 10, 1782; unm.; d., Pembroke, March 15, 1818. A physician; studied medicine in Concord; practised his profession in Pittsfield from 1805 to 1808, and in Pembroke for the rest of his life. In his will, after making bequests to his father and others, he gave the residue of his estate, about $2500, toward the establishment of an "Academy in Pembroke, for the purpose of improving the rising generation in science, morality and religion." On June 25, 1818, the Legislature passed an act incorporating the Blanchard Academy. Through his friend, Rev. Dr. Abraham Burnham of Pembroke, more money was raised for the erection of a building, which was dedicated May 25, 1819. It has been known, later, as Pembroke Academy.

47. Rhoda, b. Nov. 7, 1784; unm.; after death of her parents, she removed to Andover, and d. there, June 30, 1857.

48. Lydia, b. Nov. 5, 1786; d. Aug. 28, 1801.

49. BENJAMIN (**17**), b. July 3, 1750; d. Nov. 24, 1828. His farm is now owned by John Lane. He m. Sarah Griffin of Tewksbury, Mass.,

who d. May 31, 1801; m., 2d, Feb. 22, 1803, Martha Blanchard of Billerica. Children:

50. Sarah, b. Sept. 10, 1775; d. Sept. 19, 1777.

51. Abigail, b. June 11, 1777; m., Feb. 11, 1800, Timothy H. Whitney.

52. Sarah, b. April 5, 1779; unm.; d. July 13, 1837.

53. Benjamin, b. April 5, 1781; d. July 12, 1855. Res. on homestead until 1848, when he removed to the middle of the town. He m., Oct. 26, 1813, Hannah Frye, who d. Oct. 31, 1863.

54. Beulah, b. June 13, 1783; m., Nov. 19, 1805, Joshua Moor.

55. Isaac (**63**), b. May 25, 1785.

56. Abner (**71**), b. May 31, 1787.

57. Hannah, b. June 12, 1789; d. May 10, 1790.

58. Joshua (**40**), b , July 8, 1771; d. July 23, 1840. His father gave him a deed of the S. W. part of his farm. He held military offices to the rank of captain, was deacon of the church and led in the singing for several years; was universally respected. He was ill for some time before his death; one day he rode out, and on his return lay down to rest; he was soon after found dead in his room. He m., March 12, 1801, Mary, dau. of Samuel Hutchinson, who m., 2d, Moses Gage of Pelham and d. Sept. 19, 1838, aged 61 yrs. Children:

59. Abel, b. Oct. 10, 1802. Res. several years in Andover, Mass., then went to New York City, where he was engaged in the Bible House until his death.

60. Lydia, b. July 9, 1805; d. Nov. 28, 1821.

61. Ezra, b. Aug. 25, 1808; m., April 16, 1833, Delana S. Reed. He owned for some years the west part of lots numbered 12 and 13, formerly the Hutchinson farm.

62. Joshua, b. June 29, 1810. He went to Andover, Mass., and still res. there; has been for several years deacon of the Cong. Ch.

63. Isaac (**55**), b. May 25, 1785; d. Oct. 29, 1857. A wood-turner and furniture maker; lived at the middle of the town until 1828, when he went to Fitchburg, Mass., where he res. a few years, then returned to Wilton. He held military offices to rank of captain, was postmaster over ten years and sexton for many years. He m., Dec. 5, 1809, Betsey Foster of Tewksbury, Mass., who d. Nov. 2, 1871, aged 91 yrs., 2 mos., 28 days. Children:

64. Isaac (**76**), b. Jan. 6, 1811.

65. Eliza, b. Dec. 24, 1812.

66. Hannah, b. Jan. 18, 1815; m. Lyman Morse of Boston, Mass. She d. July 20, 1885.

67. Amos Foster, b. May 2, 1817. Soon after he became of age he went out west.

68. Sarah Griffin, b. April 23, 1819; d. March 24, 1829.

69. Clarissa, b. Nov. 22, 1821; m. John F. Kimball of Lowell, Mass.

70. Gardner, b. Aug. 30, 1829; m. Lucy Spalding; n. ch. He owns the place formerly belonging to Rev. Abel Fisk. For several years he worked at house painting and paper hanging. He has been successfully

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engaged in raising fruit and poultry. In some years he feeds out seven or eight hundred bushels of grain.

71. ABNER (**56**), b. May 31, 1787; d., Bennington, March 24, 1855. He lived on the homestead with his brother, Benjamin, until about 1831, when he removed to Temple. After residing there several years he removed to Bennington. He m., Oct. 15, 1812, Hannah Tarbel of Mason, who d. May 25, 1833, aged 40 yrs.; he m., 2d, Jan. 22, 1834, Nancy Dale, who d. Sept. 16, 1862, aged 73 yrs. Children:

72. Syrena, b. Nov. 10, 1815; m. Dea. Adams B. Winn.

73. Eveline, b. April 5, 1817; m., Nov. 17, 1835, Joseph Holt, 3d.

74. Edwin Tarbel, b. March 18, 1819.

75. Abner Jarvis, b. June 19, 1821.

76. ISAAC (**64**), b. Jan. 6, 1811; d. March 14, 1885. He was employed as brakeman on the Boston and Maine R. R.; returned to Wilton, where he worked at house-painting, glazing and paper-hanging; served as sexton twenty-seven years. He m., Jan. 10, 1838, Rhoda Osgood of Andover, Mass. Children:

77. Eliza, b., Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 1, 1838; m. Oliver W. Blood.

78. Albert Osgood, b. Aug. 3, 1840; d. Sept. 20, 1865.

79. Henry N. (**81**), b. Aug. 26, 1842.

80. Frank C. (**84**).

81. HENRY N. (**79**), b. Aug. 26, 1842; m., Dec. 17, 1868, Nancy Helen Burton. Children:

82. Isaac Henry, b. April 15, 1872.

83. Benjamin H., b. Dec. 29, 1876.

84. FRANK C., m., March 6, 1879, Abbie J. Melendy. Child:

85. Ernest F., b. May 22, 1881.

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1. SIMON BLANCHARD, b., Billerica, Mass., Dec. 23, 1749; d. about 1828. His grandfather, John, who settled in Billerica, was son of Samuel (**2**) of the preceding gen. Simon removed to Milford about 1776. A part of his farm is now occupied by the Hillsborough Mills. He m., Jan. 20, 1774, Catherine, dau. of Increase Wyman of Woburn, Mass., who d. 1838. He had eleven children, three of whom, named below, were for a longer or shorter time residents of Wilton.

2. Luther (**5**), b. Milford.

3. Catherine, b. Milford; m., Sept. 7, 1819, Luther Holt.

4. Rebecca, b. Milford; m. Orville Holt.

5. LUTHER (**2**), b. Milford; m. Mary Kinson of Mont Vernon. He had a large family of children, most of them born in Wilton, but we have obtained the record of none except of those named below, who have lived in Wilton since their marriage:

6. Mary, b. June 15, 1817; m. Elbridge G. Woodman.

7. Olive, b. Jan. 24, 1821; m., Nov. 26, 1846, Samuel Brooks Bales. See Bales gen.

8. George (**11**), b. Oct. 18, 1823.

9. Charles (**18**), b. Oct. 1, 1825.

10. John (**22**), b. July 6, 1828.

11. GEORGE (**8**), b. Oct. 18, 1823. He has lived in Wilton almost without interruption. Enlisted in 16th Regt., N. H. V. See page 211. He m., March 15, 1852, Mary A. Wright of Nashua. Children:

12. Addie Frances, b. June 30, 1854; d. Aug. 17, 1855.

13. Frank Byron, b. Jan. 26, 1856; d. June 10, 1879.

14. Ida Lilian, b. May 18, 1858; m., Oct. 20, 1879, William Ernest Crosby of Boston, Mass.

15. Rosa Genevra, b. June 30, 1860; d. April 29, 1862.

16. George Woodman, b. Oct. 18, 1865.

17. Mary Grace, b. Aug. 24, 1868.

18. CHARLES (**9**), b. Oct. 1, 1825. Enlisted in 16th Regt., N. H. V. Returned ill and d. Sept. 20, 1863. See page 211. He m., Oct. 4, 1852, Mary Frost, who was b., Hubbardston, Mass., July 1, 1830. Children:

19. Adin, b. Aug. 17, 1853; d. Aug. 9, 1856.

20. Brigham, b. Nov. 4, 1855.

21. Walter, b. Jan. 12, 1858.

22. JOHN (**10**), b. July 6, 1828. A machinist; was employed by the Wilton Co. during the greater part of Mr. Woodman's superintendence. Enlisted in 16th Regt., N. H. V. See page 211. He m. Harriet Glines. Children:

23. Emma, b., Milford, Feb. 20, 1854.

24. Addie, b., Milford, April 10, 1856.

25. Lizzie, b., Wilton, Sept. 24, 1858.

26. Fred D., b., Wilton, March 3, 1860.

27. Nellie F., b., Wilton, June 1, 1862.

28. Nettie F., b., Wilton, Sept. 17, 1864.

29. Cora A., b., Wilton, March 15, 1868.

30. Etta L., b., Wilton, March 17, 1871.

31. Arthur W., b., Wilton, Oct. 5, 1876.

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1. GEORGE BLANCHARD. A colored man, and a veterinary surgeon. He lived many years in Wilton, a part of the time on the farm now owned by Samuel Goldsmith. He served in Capt. Benjamin Taylor's company at Winter Hill, during the winter of 1775–76. At the beginning of this century he bought the farm in Milford, afterward owned by Dr. Peter Shedd, and lived there the rest of his life. He m. Hannah ———, who d. Dec. 20, 1779; m., 2d, Elizabeth ———. Children:

2. Hannah, b., Mile Slip, June 28, 1778.

3. James, b. Oct. 20, 1781; d. Nov. 25, 1781.

4. Molly, b. Oct. 11, 1782.

5. Betty, b. March 26, 1784.

6. George Washington, b. Aug. 25, 1785; d. April 10, 1812.

7. John, b. Dec. 25, 1786.

8. Anna, b. Jan. 21, 1788.

9. Hepsibah, b. March 1, 1790.

10. Timothy, b. Oct. 1, 1791; res. on homestead and succeeded his father as veterinary surgeon.

11. Ruth, b. April 9, 1793.

12. Sally, b. April 25, 1795.

BLOOD FAMILY.

1. JAMES BLOOD, who came to Concord, Mass., about 1638, and d. Dec. 17, 1683, is supposed to be the ancestor of the families in New England that have borne his name. The family had large wealth. Ellen, wife of James Blood, d., Concord, Aug. 1, 1674. They are supposed to have had five children.

2. ROBERT, son of preceding, d., Concord, Oct. 27, 1701. He m., April 8, 1653, Elizabeth, dau. of Maj. Simon Willard, who d. Aug. 29, 1692. Twelve children.

3. JOSIAH, son of preceding, b. April 6, 1664; m., March 4, 1688, Mary Barrett; m., 2d, Feb. 3, 1690–91, Mary Thomas (Torrey?) Eleven children.

4. STEPHEN, son of preceding, b. Feb. 22, 1703–4; m., Mary ———. Nine children.

5. FRANCIS, third child of preceding, b., Concord, Mass., March 18, 1734–5. Gen. Francis Blood settled in Peterborough Slip in 1763, and, according to Mr. Daniel Heald, "held as many offices of honor and trust during the Revolution as any man in the state." He practised some fine strategy, at the time Temple was incorporated, in getting the tenth range of Wilton lots included in Temple. The inhabitants of Peterborough Slip had petitioned the governor and council to have one or two of the west ranges of Wilton brought into Temple, and had appointed Gen. Blood their agent to manage the matter. The inhabitants of Wilton, in town meeting assembled, on April 27, 1768, appointed Joseph Butterfield and James Dascomb their agents to oppose the petition of Peterborough Slip before the governor and council. Tradition says that Gen. Blood and Mr. Butterfield met and had some talk of going to Exeter together. But Gen. Blood wished to anticipate Mr. Butterfield, so he borrowed from Col. Towne of New Ipswich, his horse, hat, wig and complete costume and started for Exeter. As he passed Mr. Butterfield, who was standing in his door waiting, the splendid horse and imposing costume so attracted Butterfield's attention that he did not recognize the man. When the Wilton agents reached Exeter they found Gen. Blood there before them, and the business so arranged that they could not prevent the tenth range of lots from being incorporated into Temple. Gen. Blood m. Elizabeth Spaulding of Pepperell, Mass. Nine children.

6. FRANCIS, son of preceding, b. Dec. 11, 1767. Major Francis Blood m. Rebecca Parlin of Carlisle, Mass. Of their eleven children, the six named below have either lived in Wilton, or had children who live there.

7. Howard (**13**).

8. Betsey, m. Nathan A. Whiting. See Whiting gen.

9. Polly, m. Hermon Batchelder. See Batchelder gen. (**27**).

10. Hepsey, b. Sept. 19, 1797; d. March 2, 1870; m. Aaron Barnes. See Barnes gen. (**9**).

11. Clarissa, m. James R. Means. See Means gen.

12. Orin (**16**), b. 1805.

13. Howard (**7**), m. Rhoda Pierce. Children:

14. George Howard (**19**), b. Oct. 17, 1826.

15. Levi Hiram (**22**), b., Temple, Aug. 7, 1829.

16. Orin (**12**), b. 1805; d. May 5, 1868. He removed to Wilton a few years before the death of his first wife. After his second marriage he lived on the place now owned by Michael McCarthy. He m., Dec. 6, 1832, Louise Barker, who d. June 5, 1853, aged 46 yrs. He m., 2d, May 8, 1856, Jane, dau. of Capt. Caleb Putnam.

17. Rebecca, m. ———Symonds.

18. Rodney Orin, b. July 19, 1834; d. July 4, 1874.

19. George Howard (**14**), b. Oct. 17, 1826. He removed from Lyndeborough to Wilton in March, 1865. Has worked in Dunbar's meat-market, in the Depot store and at farming; in Nov., 1880, was elected representative to the Legislature. He m., May 18, 1853, Helen Marion, dau. of Dexter and Clarissa O. (Spofford) Burton, who was b. Feb. 24, 1831. See Burton gen. Children:

20. George Francis, b. March 22, 1860. Grad., 1879, at Phillips Exeter Academy. Since March 1, 1880, he has been employed as clerk by Messrs. Gregg & Son of Nashua.

21. Clara Helen, b. April 29, 1862. Grad., 1883, at Francestown Academy. Before and since her graduation she has been a successful teacher.

22. Levi Hiram (**15**), b., Temple, Aug. 7, 1829. He came to Wilton about 1860; has been engaged in livery stable and in teaming. He m., Jan. 17, 1853, Adaline Langdell, who was b., Amherst, July 15, 1828. Children:

23. Florence Adaline, b. Dec. 17, 1857; m., Feb. 13, 1877, Eli E. Bassett. Res. Peterborough.

24. Willie Hiram, b. Sept. 28, 1863; d. May 7, 1864.

25. Bertha Lemar, b. June 1, 1865. She has been a successful teacher for several terms.

26. Mabel Gertrude, b. Oct. 15, 1867.

BOYNTON FAMILY.

1. Oliver Whiting Boynton, b. Temple; d., Wilton, Jan. 27, 1877, aged 69 yrs. 9 mos. He was son of Elias and Hannah (Whiting) Boynton, and grandson of Capt. Elias Boynton, who fought at Bunker Hill and Saratoga. Oliver sold his homestead in Temple, a few years before his death, and bought the place at Wilton Centre formerly owned by Asa Jones and res. there until his death. He m., March 1, 1831, Olive, dau. of Theodore and Elizabeth (Corliss) Barker of Temple, who was b. Feb. 4, 1811, and d. Sept. 13, 1879. See Barker gen. (**5**). Children:

2. George W. (**9**), b. April 7, 1832.

3. Charles E., b. Nov. 10, 1835; res. Portsmouth.

4. William Wallace (**12**), b. Nov. 4, 1840.

5. John G., b. Dec. 4, 1843; d. March 26, 1855.

6. Mary H., b. Nov. 22, 1848; m., June 24, 1869, B. La Forest Chandler. Res. Nashua.

7. Martha E., b. Sept. 9, 1850; m., March 23, 1879, Henry H. Livermore. See Livermore gen.

8. Abbie A., b. April 2, 1854.

9. GEORGE W. (**2**), b. April 7, 1832. He lived for a few years on the farm now owned by Jeremiah Driscoll. He sold this and bought the place of Charles B. Burtt, in the village, where his family have since resided. He carried on the bottling business for four years at Providence, R. I., and, since 1885, at Natick, Mass. Has been supervisor and fireward in Wilton. He m., May 17, 1857, Eliza Jane Burton of Lyndeborough, who was b. Dec. 6, 1834. See Burton gen. (**77**). Children:

10. Clara, b. July 5, 1860; m.

11. George Fred., b. Nov. 25, 1864; d. Jan. 15, 1865.

12. WILLIAM WALLACE (**4**), b. Nov. 4, 1840. Res. Northampton, Mass.; engaged in bottling business. He m., Dec. 25, 1880, May E., dau. of William and Eveline P. Emerson. Child:

13. Guy Emerson, b., Northampton, Mass., Sept. 21, 1884.

BRIDGES FAMILY.

1. JOHN BRIDGES came to Wilton about 1777 and bought of Joseph Butterfield the farm now owned by George I. Doe. He m. Mary ———. Children:

2. Abiel (**9**), b. about 1764.

3. Mary, m., July 27, 1786, Moses Averill.

4. Mehitabel, d. Feb. 20, 1846, aged 76 yrs.; unm.

5. Enoch (**16**). The four children, so far named, were probably born before their father came to Wilton, as we find no record of their birth.

6. James (**19**), b. Nov. 27, 1778.

7. John, b. Aug. 21, 1780; d. Dec. 28, 1780.

8. Sarah, b. May 15, 1784; d. Sept. 30, 1784.

9. ABIEL (**2**), d. Nov. 7, 1801, aged 37 yrs. He bought and lived on the farm afterward owned by Rev. Thomas Beede. He m. Susanna, dau. of Jonathan and Sarah (Putnam) Cram, who was b. Jan. 27, 1769. See Cram gen. Children:

10. Sarah, b. July 18, 1792; m., Nov. 11, 1813, Levi Bridge. They res. several years in Wilton, then removed to Maine.

11. Abiel, b. Dec. 31, 1793.

12. Jonathan, b. Sept. 1, 1795. He m. and res. in Wilton several years; in 1841 removed to Vermont.

13. Susanna, b. Nov. 10, 1797; m., March 13, 1829, David Cram.

14. Twins were b. April 27, 1800, and were buried the following day.

15. Philip, b. July 19, 1801; d. young.

16. Enoch (**5**). He was one of the emigrants from Wilton who settled in Temple, Wilton and Weld, Me. He m. Betsey ———. Children:

17. Betsey, b. July 23, 1800.

18. Mary, b. Sept. 19, 1802.

19. James (**6**), b. Nov. 27, 1778; d. March 6, 1846. A farmer and an inveterate worker, having no mercy, so far as hours were concerned, for himself or for his team. Res. on homestead. He m. Mrs. Mary (Ames) Foster, who d. Dec. 15, 1824, aged 56 yrs.; m., 2d, Sally Pierce of Jaffrey, who d. March 14, 1836, aged 48 yrs. Children:

20. Anna, b. July 1, 1807; m., May 1, 1828, Samuel Holt. See Holt gen.

21. James Loring, b. March 16, 1810; m. and res. in Groton, Mass.; n. ch.

22. Samuel Woodbury (**23**).

23. Samuel Woodbury. After his marriage he spent a year in Georgia; then res. on the homestead until after the death of his first wife. He m. Sabra Herrick, who d. Oct. 22, 1857, aged 52 yrs. Children:

24. George W. (**29**), b. Jan. 22, 1838.

25. James, b., Dooley Co., Ga., Feb. 27, 1839; d., Wilton, Jan. 29, 1869. He was mustered, May 2, 1861, into Co. E, First Regt., N. H. V.; mustered out, Aug. 9, 1861; mustered as a recruit, Sept. 26, 1862, into Co. B, Eighth Regt., N. H. V.; wounded, May 27, 1863; corp. by promotion, Aug. 1, 1863; serg., Dec. 16, 1863; honorably discharged, June 7, 1865.

26. William H., b. Nov. 19, 1841. He was mustered, May 2, 1861, into Co. E, First Regt., N. H. V.; mustered out, Aug. 9, 1861; mustered, Oct. 15, 1861, into Co. I, Fifth Regt., N. H. V.; d. at Harrison's Landing, Va., July 26, 1862.

27. Twins were b. July 12, 1842, and d. in infancy.

28. Theodore Edson, b. Jan. 19, 1845; d. July 13, 1864.

29. George W. (**24**), b. Jan. 22, 1838. He was mustered, Dec. 30, 1861, into Co. B, Eighth Regt., N. H. V.; appointed corp.; serg. by promotion, March 20, 1863; wounded at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863; commissioned, Sept., 1863, second lieut. in Ninety-Second Regt., U. S. C. I.; first lieut. by promotion; mustered out Jan. 1, 1866. After the war he bought of his father the homestead, on which he res. a few years; for several years past he has lived in Brookline. He m., Oct. 6, 1861, Sarah D. Buss, who d. June 27, 1873, aged 35 yrs. He m., 2d, Oct. 17, 1875, Abbie L. Lincoln, dau. of Rev. I. S. Lincoln. Child:

30. Theodore Lincoln, b., Wilton, May 2, 1868.

BROOKS FAMILY.

1. Isaac Brooks owned the house that stood east of the blacksmith's shop occupied by John Farrington, John Mack and others. He had a store and was licensed for seven years to sell spirituous liquors. He was last taxed in 1801; sold his house to Sampson Keyes, a blacksmith, and

removed to Amherst, where he was register of deeds for many years. He m. Abigail ———. Children:

2. Isaac, b. Sept. 26, 1791; d. July 6, 1796.

3. Luther, b. July 6, 1795.

BROWN FAMILIES.

1. THOMAS BROWN and Bridget, his wife, came from England and settled in Concord, Mass., 1638. A freeman. He d., Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 3, 1688.

2. THOMAS, fifth child of preceding, b., Concord, Mass., 1651; d. April 4, 1718; m., Nov. 12, 1677, Ruth Jones.

3. EPHRAIM, fourth child of preceding, b. April 21, 1689; d. Feb. 6, 1749–50; m., Aug. 28, 1719, Hannah Wilson.

4. THOMAS, first child of preceding, b. Dec. 26, 1720; d. 1784; m., May 26, 1748, Mary Flint.

5. JONAS, second child of preceding, b. Dec. 15, 1752; d., Temple, July 31, 1834. He was a minute man in Concord in Capt. Buttrick's co., was wounded at the north bridge in Concord, April 19, 1775, and, bleeding, chased the enemy nine miles; was in the battle at Bunker Hill; was commissioned as ensign, served in the Ticonderoga campaign, and joined the army under Gen. Gates. In Dec., 1776, he entered his name to serve during the war as lieut. He m., Aug. 10, 1784, Hannah, dau. of Major Ephraim Heald, first settler of Temple.

6. EPHRAIM, third son of preceding, b., Temple, July 13, 1790; d., Wilton, Dec. 11, 1840. In 1806 he was apprenticed to William Howard of Temple, a carpenter. About 1809 he was employed by Kimball Putnam of Wilton as journeyman, and later by Isaac Blanchard as cabinet maker. At the time of his marriage, 1816, he settled about a mile west of Wilton Centre, and, in 1820, bought the Silas Buss farm where Albert Carleton now lives. He was successful both as a farmer and a carpenter, being an excellent workman, of good judgment, quick in execution, ingenious in devices and ready in adapting means to ends. His advice was often sought and cheerfully given. Between 1830 and 1838 he invented a threshing machine very like those in present use, and constructed a horse-power to run his machine. He was a member of the Unitarian Church in Wilton, was a diligent reader of solid books, was quick in comprehension, modest, broad in his views and liberal toward all men; was much beloved and respected. He m., Dec. 4, 1816, Sarah, dau. of Benning and Abigail (Morgan) King, who was b., Wilton, Nov. 4, 1797. She m., 2d, March 31, 1847, Nathaniel Thurston, who d. April 3, 1874. She now lives with her grandson, Theodore W. Harris, at Far Rockaway, N. Y. Children:

7. Sarah Maria, b. Nov. 7, 1817; d. Dec. 2, 1818.

8. Ephraim (**15**), b. Oct. 1, 1819.

9. Abigail King, b. Dec. 9, 1821; d. Dec. 29, 1824.

10. George (**21**), b. Oct. 11, 1823.

11. Sumner, b. Sept. 5, 1825; d. Aug. 30, 1827.

12. Abigail Maria, b. Aug. 28, 1828; d. July 17, 1852; m., Sept. 22,

1847, Norman Smith, M. D., of Groton, who was b., Mont Vernon, Oct. 13, 1811. He was for six years surgeon of the Sixth Regt., Mass. V., went with the regt. through Baltimore in 1861 and had the care of those wounded by the mob.

13. Diantha Baker (**23**), b. Feb. 1, 1831.

14. Anstress (**29**), b. March 5, 1834.

15. Ephraim (8), b. Oct. 1, 1819. For account of his life see page 290. He m., Jan. 1, 1846, Mary F. Pollard of Lowell, Mass., who d. Aug. 17, 1849; m., 2d., Aug. 27, 1851, Sarah H. Barrett of Barre, Mass., who d. Aug. 24, 1852; m., 3d, Sept. 12, 1854, Emma Cornelia Daniels of Tewksbury, Mass. Children:

16. Martha Ann, b. Oct. 13, 1846; d. Sept. 3, 1849.

17. George Ephraim, b. Oct. 9, 1855; m., Feb. 18, 1880, Mary L. de Roehn.

18. Frederick Rogers, b. July 20, 1862; d. Oct. 4, 1878.

19. Mary Etta, b. July 31, 1865; d. Jan. 27, 1884.

20. Emma Alice, b. Nov. 4, 1868.

21. George (**10**), b. Oct. 11, 1823. For account of his life see page 290. He m., Nov. 1, 1850, Catharine Wood of Groton, Mass. Child:

22. George Artemas, b. April 18, 1858. A physician; assists his father in his institution for the education of the feeble minded.

23. Diantha Baker (**13**), b. Feb. 1, 1831; m., Nov. 25, 1852, Philip S. Harris, who was b., Heath, Mass., Feb. 24, 1824; d., Flatbush, N. Y., March 11, 1884. He was a portrait painter of note and his portraits of many distinguished men are marked by fidelity and excellence. He first lived in Bath, Me.; then in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was a deacon of the South Cong. Ch., and in 1882 removed to Flatbush. Mrs. Harris now res. at Far Rockaway, N. Y., with her son, Theodore. Children:

24. Herbert Allston (Harris) (**33**), b., Bath, Me., Oct. 8, 1853.

25. Ida Frances (Harris), b., Bath, Me., Feb. 10, 1855; d., Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1876.

26. George Philip (Harris), b., Bath, Me., Oct. 25, 1857; d., Bath, Me., March 3, 1858.

27. Henry Lucius (Harris), b., Bath, Me., Dec. 11, 1858; m.; has four children. Architect, New York City.

28. Theodore Winfield (Harris), b., Bath, Me., June 23, 1862. Grad. at Union Theol. Seminary. A clergyman and res. at Far Rockaway, N. Y.

29. Anstress (**14**), b., Wilton, March 5, 1834; d., Mount Vernon Forge, Rockingham Co., Va., Feb. 20, 1870. She m., Barre, Mass., Dec. 14, 1858, David Francis Haynes, who was b., West Brookfield, Mass., June 26, 1835. In Nov. 1851, Mr. Haynes entered as clerk the store of Ephraim Brown at Lowell, where he learned the crockery business. In 1856, he became book-keeper of H. Abbot and Son, of Baltimore, Md., manufacturers of iron plates. Theirs were the only mills in this country where the plates for the famous Monitor could be produced. To satisfy the demands of the U. S. government for ship and Monitor armor they were forced to erect a new mill and Mr. Haynes was put in charge.

JONATHAN BURTON.

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In 1868, he was appointed manager of the Mount Vernon Iron Works in Rockingham Co., Va. In 1871, he returned to Baltimore, Md., became partner with John P. Ammidon, dealer in glass and crockery wares, and, in 1876, assumed control of the business. In 1881, he developed the Cheapside Pottery, a noted manufactory of artistic porcelain wares. Children:

30. Fannie (Haynes), b. Jan. 27, 1860.

31. Katie (Haynes), b. Aug. 14, 1864.

32. Frank Reuben (Haynes), b. Sept. 23, 1869.

33. HERBERT ALLSTON (HARRIS) (**24**), b., Bath, Me., Oct. 8, 1853. Has been cashier and book-keeper for Messrs. Whiting & Sons at Wilton, and is now employed by them in Boston, Mass. He m., Aug 13, 1878, Maria R. Ellsworth. Children:

34. Ada Ellsworth (Harris), b., Wilton, June 4, 1879.

35. Bertha Ellsworth (Harris), b., Wilton, Oct. 23, 1880; d. Feb. 12, 1881.

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1. JAMES BROWN. At the first town meeting after the incorporation of Wilton, held July 22, 1762, he was chosen moderator and first selectman. He was re-chosen selectman in 1763, and was several times moderator of town meetings. He was first lieut. in Capt. Walker's co. of Col. Reed's regt., which marched to Cambridge immediately after the battle of Lexington. Hon. Charles J. Fox, in his History of Dunstable, claims Lieut. Brown as an inhabitant of that town; but in the pay roll of Capt. Walker's Co., as made up to Aug. 1, 1775, (see Hammond's Rev. War Rolls, Vol. I, page 95) Capt. Walker, Lieut. Roby and others from Dunstable were credited with forty miles' travel, while Lieut. Brown and others from Wilton were credited with sixty miles' travel. See page 89 of this History. By a deed, dated Jan. 31, 1777, he sold his farm, which was part of lots numbered 7 and 8 in the first range, to Joseph Abbot, Jun., and removed to Moultonborough. The same farm is now owned by John Herlihy. He m. Sarah ———. Children:

2. Sarah, b. April 21, 1769.

3. Olive, b. April 2, 1771.

4. James, b. March 21, 1773.

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1. WILLIAM BROWN, supposed to be the first practising physician in Wilton, lived where Luther Baldwin now res. He m. Rachel ———. Children:

2. William, b. Aug. 12, 1776.

3. Lydia, b. March 10, 1780.

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1. ISAAC BROWN. Isaac and Daniel Brown lived in Wilton for some time. They were both enrolled, April 23, 1775, in Capt. Walker's co. of Col. Reed's regt., and the pay roll of Aug. 1, 1775, shows that they served

until that time. Isaac m. Hannah ———, who d. Aug. 15, 1788. Children:

2. Isaac, b. April 30, 1779.

3. Patty, b. Aug. 12, 1788; d. Sept. 19, 1788.

BUGBEE FAMILY.

1. Freeman E. Bugbee, b., Richford, Vt., May 13, 1846. A photographer; came to Wilton in Oct., 1873, and soon acquired a profitable business which he has continued to this time. He m. Annie Hutchinson, who was b., Greenfield, Jan. 27, 1840. Children:

2. Nellie M., b. Aug. 28, 1878.

3. Eva M., b. Nov. 19, 1880.

BURNHAM FAMILY.

1. Thomas Burnham, b., England, 1623; d. June, 1694. Lieut. Burnham m., 1645, Mary Tuttle; 11 ch.

2. John, son of preceding, b. 1648; d. 1704; m., 1668, Elizabeth Wells; 9 ch.

3. Thomas, son of preceding, b. Sept. 20, 1673; d. 1748. He m. Susanna ———; 6 ch.

4. Jeremiah, son of preceding, b. 1702; d. 1783. He m., 1730, Jane Pride; 6. ch.

5. Jeremiah, b. April 2, 1732. We find the first mention of the Burnham family in Wilton in a deed, dated Nov. 15, 1779, from Jonathan Blanchard to Jeremiah Burnham, conveying 65 acres of east part of lot No. 5 in the sixth range. Date of Jeremiah's death not known; last taxed in Wilton, 1805. He m., Aug. 30, 1754, Mary ———, who d. Jan. 7, 1828, aged 92 yrs. They had 8 ch., of whom the two following were residents of Wilton:

6. Ruth, b. 1756; m., April 21, 1785, Timothy Gray; d. March 23, 1841.

7. Jeremiah (**8**), b. 1763.

8. Jeremiah (**7**), b., 1763; d. Nov., 1844. By a deed, dated Dec. 9, 1794, his father conveyed to him the 65 acres, bought in 1779 of Jonathan Blanchard. By a deed, dated Jan. 22, 1794, Amos Eaton conveyed to him the southeasterly part of lot No. 6 in sixth range. He was a farmer and res. on above-named lots; his buildings being on the easterly part of the lots. He was an early member of the Baptist Society. He m., July 18, 1786, Phebe Blanchard, who d. Aug. 20, 1838. Children:

9. Phebe, b. Sept. 18, 1787; m. ——— Gutterson; m. 2d, Daniel Fuller.

10. Polly, b. April 25, 1789; m., June 24, 1813, Samuel Puffer.

11. Betsey, b. April 16, 1791; m., 1810, Daniel Fuller.

12. Hannah, b. May 15, 1793; m., June 21, 1841, William Foster of Ashby, Mass.; m., 2d, Isaac Preston of New Ipswich.

13. Lois, b. Aug. 11, 1795; m. Samuel Lovejoy of Milford.

14. Lucy, b. Aug. 15, 1797; m. ——— Dodge of New Boston.

15. Sally, b. Sept. 24, 1799; m. ——— Shattuck of Brookline.

16. Stephen (**18**), b. Dec. 31, 1802.

17. Rebekah, b. April 24, 1805; m. William Currier. They had several children of whom we find no record.

18. STEPHEN (**16**), b. Dec. 31, 1802; d. April 10, 1877. A farmer, and lived in Wilton for several years after his marriage, then removed to New Boston and, for a few years, kept the tavern on the Weare road, about a mile from the village. He afterward res. on a farm in the west part of New Boston. He m., May 20, 1826, Mary Rockwood, who was b., Groton, Mass., Dec. 5, 1805, and came to Wilton with her parents about 1808. She d., Milford, Dec. 22, 1885. Children:

19. Stephen Fernando, b. March 25, 1827; m. Lorinda Loring of New Boston; has a livery stable in Manchester, and is a veterinary surgeon.

20. George Fletcher, b. Oct. 17, 1828; d. May 9, 1849.

21. Mary Jane, b. Dec. 18, 1830; m. Frederick Dodge of New Boston. Res. Nashua.

22. Charles Crosby, b. March 5, 1832; d. March 30, 1832.

23. Maria Deborah, b. June 29, 1833; m. John Loring of New Boston, who d. April 11, 1853, within three days' sail of San Francisco, Cal.; m., 2d, Nelson N. Philbrick. Res. New Boston.

24. Charles Crosby, b. Feb. 12, 1836; d. March 25, 1839.

25. Sarah Harriet, b. June 12, 1839; m. George H. Stevens of Francestown; d. March 30, 1872.

26. Jeremiah Almos, b. July 16, 1842; m. Helen Buswell of North Lyndeborough. Res. Milford; employed in Heald's furniture factory.

27. Milo Rockwood, b. Feb. 2, 1847; m. Sarah F. Shedd of Mont Vernon. Res. Milford. Employed in Heald's furniture factory.

BURNS FAMILY.

1. JOHN BURNS, b. 1700; d., Milford, 1782. He was of Scotch origin and came to America from the north of Ireland in 1736; settled in Milford, 1746.

2. THOMAS, seventh child and third son of preceding, m. Elizabeth Hartness of Lunenburg, Mass., and d., Milford, aged about 80 yrs.

3. SAMUEL, sixth child and third son of preceding, b., Milford, Sept., 1779; m., Feb. 12, 1801, Abigail Jones. Was selectman of Milford from the age of twenty-one for ten years. He d., Milford, Sept. 20, 1817, and his funeral was the largest ever held in the town.

4. CHARLES A., fourth child and second son of preceding, b., Milford, Jan. 19, 1809. He m., Dec. 31, 1833, Elizabeth, dau. of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson* of Milford. She d. Sept. 4, 1885, aged 69 yrs.

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*The Hutchinson family traces its ancestry to Barnard Hutchinson of Cowlan, Yorkshire, England, who was living in 1282. The following are the New England ancestors of Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Burns: 1, Richard Hutchinson, tenth in descent from Barnard of Cowlan, was b. in England; m., Dec. 7, 1627, Alice Bosworth; emigrated about 1635 and settled in Salem, Mass., near Hathorn's Hill. 2, Joseph. 3, Benjamin. 4, Benjamin. 5, Nathan, b., Bedford, Mass., 1717; removed, about 1734, to Amherst, now Milford, and d. Jan. 12, 1795; was a large land owner in Milford and Wilton and built the first mill on the site where D. Whiting and Sons' grist mill now stands. He m. Rachel Stearns. 6, Nathan, who owned the place, since belonging to the late Holland Prouty. 7, Abel, who was b., Milford, Aug. 8, 1795, and m. Betsey, dau. of Isaac and Elizabeth Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns were persons of the highest character and were well known for their intelligence and worth.

5. CHARLES H., son of preceding, b., Milford, Jan. 19, 1835. For account of his life see page 273. He m., Milford, Jan. 19, 1856, Sarah N. Mills. Children:

6. Arthur Henry, b. 1856; d. Aug. 23, 1876.

7. Bessie, b. July 6, 1859; m., June 15, 1881, William A. Gregg. See Gregg gen.

8. Mary Bell, d. April 14, 1863, aged 1 yr. 5 mos.

9. Charles Alonzo, b. Jan. 3, 1863; m., Oct. 14, 1885, Lulie C., dau. of Dr. William A. Jones. He is clerk of the Wilton Man. Co.

10. Blanche May, b. May 5, 1868.

11. Ben. Emery, b. July 21, 1872.

BURTON FAMILY.

1. BONIFACE BURTON, made freeman, Lynn, Mass., 1635; d. June 13, 1669, at the great age of 113 yrs. A farmer; ancestor of nearly all the Burtons in this country. In Lewis's History of Lynn is an illustration representing the aged patriarch as standing in the door of his primitive and rudely constructed house. He lived to a greater age than any other resident of Lynn, and must have been well advanced in life when he came to New England.

2. JOHN, son of preceding; freeman, Salem, Mass., 1638; d. Oct. 14, 1684. His farm joined that of Gov. Endicott. According to the records of the court, he was one of the persecuted Quakers of his time. In 1658 he attempted to escape with others to Rhode Island that he might enjoy his opinions undisturbed. While on his way, he was arrested at Dedham, brought back and, in consequence of his very bold speech to the dignitaries of the court at Salem, was put in the stocks. He was frequently fined for not attending public worship, but led a quiet life during his later years. He had four children: John, Samuel, Isaac and Hannah. John and Samuel died childless. Hannah and her husband, William Osborn, were ancestors of Osborns now living in Salem and elsewhere.

3. ISAAC, son of preceding, d. 1706. He settled in Topsfield, Mass., afterward removed to Salem, and had four sons: Isaac, John, Jacob and Henry.

4. JOHN, son of preceding, d. 1750, leaving two sons: John and Samuel.

5. JOHN, d. Feb. 11, 1791, aged 80 yrs. With his three sons he removed from Middleton, Mass., to No. 2, now Wilton, and settled on lot No. 16 in the fifth range. The cellar hole of his house is in the northeast part of the plain, very near the centre of the lot. The place is now owned by James Sheldon. His wife, Abigail, d. Aug. 28, 1796, aged 83 yrs. They had, beside the three sons, named below, two daughters; one m. Thomas Towne, and the other m. ——— Buxton. Sons:

6. John (**9**), d. Nov. 18, 1816, aged 78 yrs.

7. Jonathan (**19**), b. Sept. 18, 1741.

8. Abraham (**29**).

9. JOHN (**6**), d. Nov. 18, 1816, aged 78 yrs. Before he came to Wilton he served in the French and Indian war. He settled on the east half of lot No. 17, fifth range, which now belongs to Herbert Wilkerson. He also owned lot No. 20, fourth range, and on it built a grist-mill; this lot is now owned by his grandson, James Burton. He was a deacon of the First Cong. Ch. for about fifty years; sat in the deacon's seat and for many years led in the singing, having a clear, strong tenor voice that did not fail him until his last illness. He was probably the first Free Mason in Wilton; see page 120. He was town clerk for ten years; selectman for five years. His wife, Rebecca, d. Aug. 17, 1831, aged 92 years. Children:

10. Rebecca, b. March 18, 1762; m., Nov. 28, 1787, Joseph Putnam, Jun., of Society Land; removed to Amherst and d. there.

11. William, d. at Valley Forge in the spring of 1778.

12. David, m. and removed to Andover, Vt.

13. John (**45**), b. March 25, 1767.

14. Sarah, b. June 8, 1772; m. Stephen Putnam of Wilton. On the death of her husband, in Sept., 1821, she removed to Mason where she died.

15. Mary Archer, b. March 9, 1774; m., March 3, 1803, John Marshall. Res. Lyndeborough.

16. Lucy, b. Feb. 18, 1778; m. Thomas Lakin of Lyndeborough.

17. Betsey, m. Samuel Cudworth of Greenfield.

18. Naomi, m. Benjamin Fuller, and settled in Andover, Vt.

19. JONATHAN (**7**), b. Sept. 18, 1741. In 1759 [?], before he came to Wilton, he served at Louisburg in Capt. Andrew Gidding's co. He also served as orderly sergeant in Capt. Benj. Taylor's co., at Winter Hill in the winter of 1775-6; was lieut. in Capt. Wm. Barron's co., in the Ticonderoga campaign, 1776, and served three weeks in Rhode Island in 1780. He kept a journal during his service on Winter Hill, in which was a roll of Capt. Taylor's co. Of the thirty-one companies that went from N. H. to Winter Hill, this was the only roll Mr. Hammond had been able to find when he published the first volume of Rev. War Rolls in 1885. Jonathan Burton also kept a journal of the Ticonderoga campaign, in which was a roll of Capt. Barron's co. See pages 93, 98, 101; also pages 238, 246, of this history. On the organization of militia in New Hampshire he received a commission as captain, dated June 19, 1786; on Aug. 5, 1793, he was appointed brigade-major by Gov. Bartlett, and on Dec. 21, 1795, a justice of the peace, holding the office 15 years; was a selectman of Wilton for 15 years. He lived on the farm now owned by his grandson, Samuel Burton. He m., Feb. 29, 1764, Huldah Nichols, of Middleton, Mass. Children:

20. Aaron, b. April 20, 1765; m., June 19, 1796, Polly Dudley, of Andover, Vt., and settled there.

21. Samuel, b. April 8, 1767; m. Hannah, dau. of Col. Philip and Hannah Putnam, of Wilton, and settled in Andover, Vt.

22. Abigail, b. Nov. 12, 1772; m., Feb. 5, 1795, Jonathan Putnam and removed to Andover, Vt.

23. Jonathan (**56**), b. Sept. 5, 1774.

24. Huldah, b. July 4, 1778; m., May 27, 1819, Samuel Merriam of Mason.

25. Olive, b. Feb. 25, 1780; m., Feb. 7, 1804, Uriah Smith, merchant, of Francestown. See Smith gen.

26. Amos Nichols, b. Jan. 2, 1785; m., Oct. 7, 1810, Roxana Utley and settled in Weston, Vt.; m., 2d, Sally Johnson.

27. Moses, b. March, 1787; d. Oct., 1789.

28. Anna, b. Sept. 5, 1789; m., June 14, 1810, James S. Fisher. Res. Francestown.

29. Abraham (8), settled with his father on lot No. 16, fifth range; his brothers being on the lot next north of it. He afterwards built on the southwest part of the lot and kept a public house until 1817. In 1787, he bought lot No. 20, fifth range, and owned it until the homestead was sold in 1830. He was at Winter Hill in Capt. Taylor's co., and at Ticonderoga, 1776, in Capt. Barron's co., and was selectman for five years; was a good neighbor, a good townsman and an honest man. He was somewhat of a hunter and a fisherman, and often related his experience in those matters. When he was clearing his north lot, the wild turkeys fed on his rye before it was harvested. He made a bough-house and a bed and fed them for some time; then invited his brother John to help shoot them. At the time appointed they arranged themselves in the bough-house, and, as it grew light, they heard the gobblers come to the bed. Abraham gave the signal, fired and killed three turkeys, but his brother's gun missed fire. Abraham used to say that it was the only time he ever heard Deacon John use a wicked word He m., 1st, Mary Kenney, by whom he had eight children; m., 2d, Betty Dale, by whom he had seven children. Children:

30. Mary, b. Jan. 18, 1773; m., Jan. 14, 1796, Jacob Putnam of Andover, Vt.

31. Hannah, b. Sept. 8, 1774; d. Oct. 14, 1777.

32. Lucy, b. June 10, 1776; d. Oct. 11, 1777.

33. Hannah, b. March 23, 1778; m., Oct. 6, 1796, Nathaniel Putnam Peabody. Res. Andover, Vt.

34. Abraham, b. Jan. 28, 1780; res. in Vermont.

35. Chloe, b. March 2, 1782; m. Cyrus Bailey; res. in Vermont.

36. Nahum, b. Oct. 15, 1783; m. Charlotte Pettengill; res. in Vermont.

37. Ezra, b. Feb. 10, 1785; m. a Miss Puffer, by whom he had two sons; res. in Vermont a few years and left for parts unknown.

38. Betsey, b. Nov. 18, 1787; m. Jonathan Parkhurst.

39. Lucy, b. Dec. 13, 1788; m. Ashby Morgan.

40. Fanny, b. Feb. 2, 1790; m. Timothy Gray.

41. Ruth, b. March 21, 1792; unm.; went to Georgia as a teacher and d. there.

42. Lydia, b. May 7, 1793; m. Lubim Rockwood. See Rockwood gen. She m., 2d., Elijah Chandler.

43. John (**66**), b. Oct. 25, 1796.

44. Peggy, b. Nov. 22, 1798; m., Oct. 28, 1824, Jeremiah Fisk. Res. Maine. They had several children, one of whom was a noted ornamental painter.

45. JOHN (**13**), b. March 25, 1767. He removed to Andover, Vt., and while there was captain of militia; returned to Wilton in 1808. He m., Jan. 27, 1791, Eunice Heald of Temple; m., 2d., April 20, 1836, Susannah Carter of Wilton. Children:

46. John, b., Wilton, April 15, 1791. In the war of 1812, he enlisted in Vermont and died in the army, May 12, 1814.

47. Eunice, b., Andover, Vt., Sept. 15, 1793; m. Noah Going of New Ipswich.

48. Lucinda, b., Andover, Vt., May 6, 1796; m. Joseph Chamberlain; res. Lyndeborough and Greenville.

49. Leonard, b., Andover, Vt., Aug. 18, 1798; m. a Miss Heseltine; res. Andover, Vt.

50. Roxana, b., Andover, Vt., Oct. 10, 1800; m. Silas Chamberlain; res. Andover, Vt., and Nashua.

51. Dexter (**72**), b., Andover, Vt., Oct. 16, 1802.

52. Eliza, b., Andover, Vt., March 25, 1805; d. April 8, 1814 [?].

53. James (**79**), b., Wilton, April 18, 1809.

54. Eliza, b. Oct. 9, 1813. When she was two years old, a severe illness destroyed her hearing and she became a deaf mute; was educated at Hartford, Conn., and m. a deaf mute named Kelley. She d., Wilton, Dec. 23, 1878.

55. John (**92**), b. Dec. 10, 1816.

56. JONATHAN (**23**), b. Sept. 5, 1774; d. March 26, 1862. He was a prominent and trustworthy man; for many years trustee of the school and ministerial funds; justice of the peace 45 years; administrator of many estates; representative to the Legislature; selectman 14 years; town clerk 7 years and held military offices to rank of lieut. col. He was secretary of the lodge of Masons to which he belonged for many years. He m., Jan. 30, 1800, Persis Warren of Wilton, who d. Feb. 4, 1801, aged 27 yrs. He m., 2d, March 19, 1805, Lucy Hazen of Shirley, Mass., who d. April 11, 1874, aged 91 yrs., 1 mo. Children:

57. Warren (**98**), b. Nov. 23, 1800.

58. Lucy, b. Jan. 24, 1806; d. Oct. 25, 1828; unm.

59. Persis, b. Jan. 16, 1808; d. Jan. 31, 1809.

60. Persis, b. Dec. 16, 1809; m., Aug. 29, 1831, Rev. Stephen Alfred Barnard, who was b. Nov. 26, 1803, and d. June 24, 1882. See page 260. They had three sons and two daughters.

61. Hazen J. (**101**), b. June 2, 1812.

62. Samuel (**107**), b. Aug. 22, 1814.

63. Elizabeth J., b. Sept. 22, 1816; m., Sept. 1, 1850, Rev. Charles Robinson of Groton. They have one son, William B. (Robinson).

64. Andrew Nichols, b. Feb. 21, 1819; unm. He received his early education at the district school, and at the age of 18 went to Boston, entered the dry goods store of Wetherell, Fowle & Co., on Kilby St., and remained with them and their successors, Fowle & Talbot, three years. In 1840 he formed a co-partnership with S. A. Barnard under the style of A. N. Burton & Co., leased the brick store at Wilton Centre, formerly occupied by Joseph Newell, and carried on the business of a country

store there for three years, when he sold out, returned to Boston, went into the wholesale dry goods business with his brother under the firm name of Hazen J. Burton & Co., on Kilby St., and remained with him five years until the firm was dissolved. He afterwards formed a connection with S. H. Norris & Co., in the same business, and remained with them until April, 1851. He then made an arrangement with Jordan, Marsh & Co., who had just commenced the dry goods jobbing and importing business on Milk St., and remained with them twenty-three years. He then retired from business. He was for many years an active member of the Handel & Haydn Society, also a member of the Mercantile Library Association and other literary associations in Boston. In the summer of 1878 he went to Europe and remained about six months. Since his return he has been living on his farm, a part of which was owned by his Burton ancestor, who first settled in Wilton.

65. Maria L., b. Feb. 22, 1825; d. May 4, 1849; unm.

66. JOHN (**43**), b. Oct. 25, 1796. He lived eight or nine years on the homestead with his father, then removed to Maine; after a few years returned to Wilton, and, a few years later, went again to Maine where he died. He m., Dec. 15, 1817, Sarah Dale. Children:

67. John Dale, b, Oct. 1, 1818. A furniture manufacturer. He removed to Pittsburgh, Penn. He m., April 4, 1843, Maria Mason and had one son, Alfred, who served in Virginia under McClellan and Grant.

68. Sarah, b. May 22, 1820; m., Oct. 4, 1845, Abiel Holt of Weld, Me.

69. Abraham, b. April 20, 1822; m. twice; his second wife was Rachel A. Parkhurst. An upholsterer; res. Manchester.

70. Betsey D., b. April 25, 1824; m. Wilson Dodge; res. Maine.

71. Caroline L., b. Sept. 18, 1826; m.; res. Rhode Island.

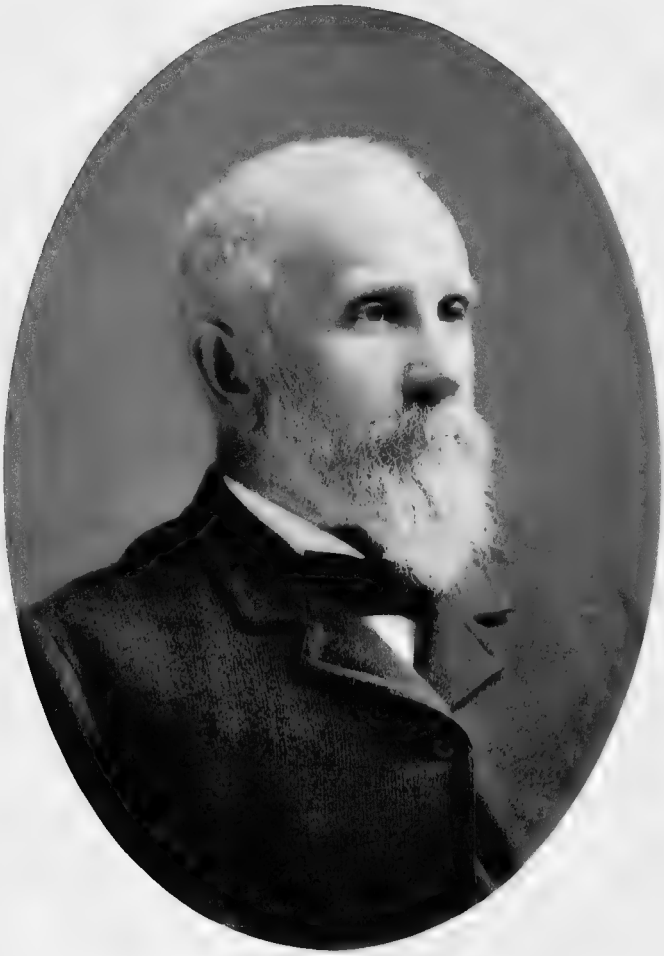
72. DEXTER (**51**), b., Andover, Vt., Oct. 16, 1802; d. June 3, 1855. Res. in southwest part of Lyndeborough, but his children attended school in Wilton. He was a captain of the cavalry, 22d regt. of militia, and was for several years selectman of Lyndeborough. He m., April 20, 1824, Clarissa O. Spofford of Temple. Children:

73. Dexter Lionel, b. April 10, 1825. Res. several years on a farm in the south part of Temple and served as selectman of the town. Besides attending to his farm, he carried on for some years an extensive business in marketing and as a cattle and sheep broker. Removed to New Ipswich and, for a time, kept a store there. He m. Emily Frances Ward of Chelmsford, Mass.; they had three sons and three daughters. Two of the sons are living; the eldest, George Dexter, is the inventor of the "Burton Cattle Car," and of other patented articles.

74. Clarissa Irene, b. July 2, 1827; m. Nathan Holt of Temple; two sons, one living.

75. James Edwin, b. Nov. 18, 1828. Res. Temple. His business is farming and lumbering; has been for several years selectman of Temple. He m. Olive A. Robinson of Bennington; two sons and five daughters.

76. Helen Marion, b. Feb. 24, 1831; m., May 18, 1853, George H. Blood. See Blood gen. (**19**).



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77. Eliza Jane, b. Dec. 6, 1834; m., May 17, 1857, George W. Boynton. See Boynton gen. (**9**).

78. William Wallace, b. Nov. 14, 1836. Res. on the homestead in Lyndeborough; is a farmer and has represented the town in the Legislature. He m., June 20, 1861, Esther Jane Cragin of Temple; one son and two daughters; one daughter d. in infancy.

79. JAMES (**53**), b., Wilton, April 18, 1809; res. on lot No. 17, fourth range; m., June, 1832, Abigail Parker of Wilton. Children:

80. John, b. June 26, 1833; d. Nov. 5, 1867; unm.

81. James, b. Jan. 6, 1835; d. April 30, 1835.

82. Martha Parker, b. March 7, 1836; m., Nov. 9, 1859, Charles G. Blanchard of Greenville; d. July 1, 1882.

83. Abbie Frances, b. July 29, 1837; m. Solon Tarbell; res. Hancock.

84. Emily Ann, b. Sept. 21, 1839; m., June 14, 1864, William H. Hopkins. See Hopkins gen.

85. Marietta Hale, b. Aug. 28, 1841; m., April 24, 1863, George W. Eaton of Wilton, who d. Aug. 16, 1876; m., 2d, Jonathan Parker Snow, a civil engineer. Res. Woonsocket, R. I.

86. Augusta Maria, b. May 26, 1843; m., Nov. 2, 1865, Irving S. Farnsworth. Res. Connecticut.

87. Nancy Helen, b. Dec. 1, 1844; m., Dec. 17, 1868, Henry N. Blanchard. See Thomas Blanchard gen. (**81**). Res. Wilton.

88. James Albert, b. Feb. 8, 1846; d. Dec. 23, 1856.

89. Josiah Henry, b. April 3, 1847.

90. Clarissa Joanna, b. Nov. 14, 1848.

91. Lydia Louisa, b. April 5, 1850; m. Willis H. Edson.

92. JOHN (**55**), b. Dec. 10, 1816; d. Jan. 16, 1872. Resided on the homestead of his father and grandfather. In 1861 he enlisted in the Eighth Regt., N. H. V.; was in the hard service of that regt. up to the battle of Sabine Cross Roads, when he was taken prisoner and carried into Texas. After his release he served during the remainder of the war and was honorably discharged. He m., March 4, 1841, Anna Kidder of Wilton, who d. May 15, 1868, aged 45 yrs., 8 mos. Children:

93. Eliza Ann, b. Sept. 15, 1842; m., June 3, 1860, Hosea Dutton; one daughter. Res. in west part of Wilton.

94. John Hale, b. Oct. 2, 1843; m. a Miss Carkin. Res. Lyndeborough.

95. Martha Jane, m., May 3, 1863, Porter Follansbee; one daughter, Minnie A. (Follansbee), b. Oct. 15, 1865.

96. George Edward, b. June 28, 1847; m. Miss Seaver of Shirley, Mass. Res. in Mass.

97. Ella Frances, b. Jan. 22, 1857; m. Onslow Hoyt of Francestown.

98. WARREN (**57**), b. Nov. 23, 1800; d., Salem, Mass., June 6, 1866. For account of his life see page 289. He m., June 26, 1828, Sarah, dau. of Dea. John and Sarah Flint of Wilton, who d. Oct. 11, 1836, aged 32 yrs., 6 mos. He m., 2d, Sept. 18, 1845, Mary Merritt of Salem, Mass. Children:

99. Arthur W., d. March 26, 1852.

100. Sarah Warren, d. Aug. 17, 1858.

101. HAZEN J. (**61**), b. June 2, 1812; d. April 6, 1880. He grad. at Francestown Academy, and in early life was employed in the store of Hon. David M. Means of Amherst. In 1834 he went to Boston and obtained a situation in a wholesale dry goods store; soon rose to a partnership therein and afterward started in business on his own account. See Andrew N. Burton (**64**). A long and active career of nearly fifty years as a Boston merchant, through the many ups and downs incident to such a calling, gave him a wide reputation in mercantile circles during nearly two generations. When a young man, he evinced a taste for literary pursuits and through life spent much of his leisure in study. His cultivated tastes made him acquainted with a wide circle in Boston. He was an early and ardent supporter of the Boston Mercantile Library Association, and long one of its officers. He was a justice of the peace, and devoted much time and thought to charitable and religious organizations. Although a good citizen he avoided publicity and spent his entire time, outside of his business and other duties, in his family, where he was known and seen in his truest character. Devotedly fond of his home, he never reckoned any personal sacrifice for his family too great. His was an active, honorable and unselfish life. He m., May 1, 1836, Susan S. Bancroft, who d. July 28, 1844; m., 2d, Jan. 1, 1846, Harriet Lincoln Smith, who d. July 9, 1853; m., 3d, Oct. 4, 1854, Eliza M. Josselyn. Children:

102. Laura Frances, b. May 10, 1839; m., Nov. 14, 1867, William Dexter Wiswell; 3 ch.: Dexter Bancroft (Wiswell), Andrew Burton (Wiswell) and Bessie Frances (Wiswell).

103. Helen Louisa, b. Dec. 19, 1842. Res. Boston, Mass.

104. Hazen James, b. July 14, 1847. Grad. at the English High School, Boston, and received a Franklin medal. He is in the clothing business at Minneapolis, Minn. He m. Alice G. C. Whitney; 3 ch.: Hazel Ward Cotton, Ariel and Hazen J.

105. George Smith, b. Nov. 26, 1850. Grad. at the Eng. High School and received a Franklin medal. He is in the clothing business in Boston. He m., Feb. 20, 1877, Frances V. Miller; 2 ch.: Ethel M. and Roger O.

106. Ida Maria, b. July, 1856. Res. Boston.

107. SAMUEL (**62**), b. Aug. 22, 1814. Grad. at New Ipswich Academy and settled on the homestead, which by patient and indefatigable industry, has been greatly improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. He has added extensively to the farm by purchase, and can fitly rank as one of the most substantial and successful farmers of his town. He m., Dec. 5, 1839, Elvira M. Jones of Marlborough. Children:

108. Henry Warren, b. March 19, 1841. Grad. at Mont Vernon Academy. A carpenter and res. in Lowell, Mass. He m., Jan. 23, 1869, Nettie Butler of Pelham.

109. Lucy Maria, b. Nov. 27, 1842. Grad. at Mont Vernon Academy. She m., Jan. 23, 1868, Nathan Barker. See David Barker gen. (**7**). Res. Wilton.

110. Clarence Francis, b. Aug. 31, 1845; m., April 3, 1879, Jennie M. Hyde of Westborough, Mass. Res. Worcester, Mass.

111. William Andrew, b. Nov. 5, 1850. Grad. at New Ipswich Academy. He m., May 5, 1874, Mrs. Sarah (Cragin) Stone, who d. Sept. 12, 1887, aged 43 yrs., 10 mos.; n. ch. Res. on the homestead with his father

112. Charles Solon, b. Aug. 25, 1852; d. Dec. 13, 1864.

BURTT FAMILY.

1. Joseph Burtt, d., Wilton, April, 1872, aged 84 yrs. He was a carpenter and lived for many years in Temple; came from there to Wilton, where he was first taxed in 1843. He m. Miss Abbot, by whom he had one son and two daughters; m., 2d, Roxalana, dau. of Amos and Abigail (Keyes) Lawrence. Children by 2d wife:

2. Charles B. (**7**), b., Temple, Dec. 25, 1822.

3. Friend, b., Temple. Res. Townsend, Mass.

4. William Wallace, b., Temple; d. in California.

5. Edwin R. (**11**), b., Temple, about 1829.

6. Mary Jane, b., Temple; m. Henry Mason. Res. Milford.

7. Charles B. (**2**), b., Temple, Dec. 25, 1822; d. Oct. 21, 1881. A blacksmith, and lived in several towns before he came to Wilton in the spring of 1858, where he carried on business about 17 years; held the office of superintending school committee. He m., Boston, Mass., Feb. 23, 1845, Experience H. Higgins of Bowdoin, Me.

8. Lourena C., b., Richmond, Me., Dec. 1, 1845; m., Oct. 26, 1871, Jacob Kendall of Temple; d., Temple, Dec. 22, 1873.

9. Sophia R., b., Boston, Mass., July 15, 1848; m., Oct. 26, 1871, Quincy Adams of West Townsend, Mass.

10. Charles A., b. Sept. 22, 1856. A cooper. He m., Oct. 5, 1882, Mary Ida, dau. of Artemas and Mary O. (Kidder) Putnam; n. ch.

11. Edwin R. (**5**), b., Temple; d., Amherst, Feb. 13, 1884, aged 55 yrs. A carpenter. He m., May, 1846, Rachel H., dau. of Oliver and Patty (Colburn) Perham, who d. July 4, 1862, aged 32 yrs., 9 mos.; m., 2d, Mrs. Gray. Children:

12. E. Kimball, m. Miss Hutchinson.

13. Cora, d., Amherst, Sept. 6, 1880, aged 21 yrs.

BUSS FAMILIES.

1. Stephen Buss, d. Oct. 16, 1816. He came from Lunenburg, Mass., and lived many years at the middle of the town. He and his son, Stephen, bought of Joseph Stiles lot No. 13, eighth range, except 24 acres in the west part of said lot, deed dated Feb. 28, 1801. They also bought of Ebenezer Stiles 12½ acres in lot No. 13, seventh range, deed dated March 2, 1801. The above-named premises are now owned by Dea. George Buss, his buildings being near the line between the seventh and eighth ranges. Stephen m. Phebe, dau. of John and Abigail (Livermore) Keyes, who d. Jan. 11, 1816. Children:

2. Richard Taylor (**9**), b. Sept. 7, 1772.

3. Hannah, b. Dec. 3, 1774; m., May 29, 1800, Nathan Ballard, Jun., of Concord. See Ballard gen. (**7**).

4. Stephen (**17**), b. Jan. 19, 1777.

5. Eunice, b. Sept. 25, 1779.

6. Phebe, b. Dec. 12, 1781; m., April 17, 1816, Joseph Gutterson.

7. Sally, b. Aug. 7, 1785; d. Oct. 26, 1855.

8. John, b. Sept. 2, 1788.

9. Richard Taylor (**2**), b. Sept. 7, 1772. He lived several years in the house, since taken down, on the corner opposite the Isaac Blanchard place. He built the house now owned by George A. Newell, who has enlarged and remodelled it. About 1814 he removed to Peterborough and died there at an advanced age. He m. Betty, dau. of Capt. Nathan Ballard, who was b. Aug. 19, 1771. See Ballard gen. (**5**). Children:

10. Betsey, b. June 26, 1795; m., Sept. 18, 1817, Charles Crane of Milton, Mass.*

11. Achsah, b. Sept. 5, 1797.

12. Richard Taylor (**25**), b. July 27, 1799.

13. Abel Fisk, b. July 9, 1802.

14. Nathan Ballard, b. July 24, 1804; is a farmer and resides in Peterborough.

15. Mary Ann, b. Oct. 2, 1807.

16. Eunice, b. Oct. 2, 1809; m. ——— Gutterson.

17. Stephen (**4**), b. Jan. 19, 1777; d. Sept. 29, 1848. He was a farmer and lived on the farm bought of Joseph and Ebenezer Stiles. He m., Dec. 8, 1803, Sarah, dau. of Jeremiah and Chloe (Abbot) Abbot, who was b. Dec. 8, 1781, and d. Oct. 26, 1851. Children:

18. Stephen Abbot, b. Sept. 25, 1804; d. Aug. 4, 1873. He changed his name by dropping the surname, Buss. He m., March 20, 1828, Nancy Wilder Beede. See Beede gen. (**8**).

19. Calvin, b. April 26, 1806; d. Dec. 26, 1856.

20. Sally, b. June 14, 1808; m., May 5, 1831, Kilburn Harwood. He removed to Ashburnham, Mass., and later to Fitchburg, Mass., where he died. They had several children.

21. Betsey (**26**), b. Aug. 3, 1810.

22. George (**35**), b. Sept. 27, 1812.

23. Ezra (**40**), b. June 27, 1814.

24. Emily, b. Aug. 30, 1829; m., Feb., 1859, Caleb M. Batchelder. See Batchelder gen. (**32**).

25. Richard Taylor (**12**), b., Wilton, July 27, 1799; d., Bridgeport, Conn., from paralysis, Dec. 13, 1885. The following extract is taken from the Peterborough Transcript of Dec. 24, 1885: "Mr. Richard T. Buss, a native of Wilton and for several years a resident of this town, died at Bridgeport, Conn., at the ripe age of 86 yrs., 4 mos. When the cotton mill was started at West Peterborough, then called Union Village, Mr. Buss built most of the machinery. It is but a few weeks since Mr. Buss

* At this time, 1885, Mrs. Crane is the oldest living native of Wilton of whom I have any knowledge.—[S. Putnam.

visited his brother, N. B. Buss, of this place and it was generally remarked that it was rare to see so well preserved and vigorous a man at his great age." From the Bridgeport News of Dec. 14, 1885, we obtain the following facts. In his younger days Mr. Buss held a situation in Colt's works at Hartford. He came from there to Bridgeport to take a position in Wheeler and Wilson's sewing machine establishment, soon after the company began business, where he had a contract as inspector, which he held until he retired from business, about 1875. He served in the common council and as alderman, and was for some time a deacon in the Church of the Redeemer. He became a Freemason when 21 years old, and, at the time of his death, was a member of St. John's Lodge, Hamilton Commandery, Jerusalem Chapter. Until within two years of his death he always marched over the whole route with his masonic brethren when they attended a funeral or upon other occasions. "Six feet tall and well built, with a figure straight as an arrow, with snowy hair and beard, and a countenance bright, benevolent and dignified, Mr. Buss would have been a figure notable anywhere for one of his age. He had a high reputation for personal integrity and for other qualities of mind and heart which made him universally esteemed." He left a widow and two sons.

26. BETSEY (**21**), b. Aug. 3, 1810; m., Wilton, March 20, 1834, Benjamin Franklin Marden. Mr. Marden was employed by Asa Jones, and, in company with John Mills, had been engaged in the tanning business and in the manufacture of boots and shoes. In 1837 he removed to Syracuse, N. Y., where he lived for a short time; then to Mont Vernon, and, later still, to Nashua. In 1846 he returned to Mont Vernon, where he and his wife still live, though in feeble health. Children:

27. Sarah Luthera (Marden), b., Wilton, May 5, 1835; m. George G. Averill of Mont Vernon, where she still lives.

28. Benjamin Franklin (Marden), b., Wilton, May 12, 1836: d., Syracuse, N. Y., April 5, 1838.

29. Susan (Marden), b., Wilton, June 23, 1837; d. 1859.

30. George Augustus (Marden), b., Mont Vernon, Aug. 9, 1839; m., Nashua, Dec. 10, 1867, Mary P. Fiske. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1861; enlisted in Co. G, 2d Regt. U. S. Sharp-Shooters, Dec. 1861; promoted to 1st Lieut. and R. Q. M., July, 1862; mustered out at expiration of service of regiment, Sept. 24, 1864. Editor and one of the proprietors of Lowell Daily Courier since Sept. 1, 1867. Member Mass. House of Representatives, 1873; Clerk same body, 1874–1882, inclusive; Speaker, 1883 and 1884; member Mass. Senate 1885. Two sons.

31. Frank (Marden), b., Nashua, March 31, 1841; m., Concord, May 16, 1882, Mary Frances Biddle, who died Oct. 14, 1885.

32. Maria Theresa (Marden), b., Nashua, March 6, 1844; m., Mont Vernon, May 28, 1869, E. Gerry Martin. Res. East Boston, Mass. Have had two sons and two daughters; one son and one daughter still living.

33. Hannah Catherine (Marden), b., Mont Vernon, Dec. 16, 1846; m., Lowell, Mass., Nov. 27, 1873, Samuel Sewall, Jun. She d. Aug. 30, 1886, leaving one son and one daughter.

34. Wendell Phillips (Marden), b., Mont Vernon, May 6, 1850; m., Concord, Oct. 28, 1878, Melvina Drew Nutter; one son and one daughter.

35. GEORGE (**22**), b. Sept. 27, 1812. He lives on the homestead, to which he has made large additions, and which he has improved by underdraining and by clearing the plough-fields of rocks. The buildings now on the farm have all been built since it came into his possession. On Jan. 2, 1852, he was chosen a deacon of the Congregational society; has held military offices to the rank of captain, and has been selectman for two years. He m., Aug. 27, 1835, Abigail, youngest dau. of Dea. Eliphalet and Dorcas (Abbot) Putnam, who was b. May 10, 1817, and d. June 19, 1871; m., 2d, Mrs. Hannah L. Upton, who d. May 17, 1882, aged 58 yrs. Children:

36. Sarah Dorcas, b. May 28, 1838; d. June 27, 1873; m., Oct. 6, 1861, George W. Bridges. See Bridges gen. (**29**).

37. Abby Frances, b. Oct. 22, 1842; d. Jan. 11, 1860.

38. George Sullivan, b. Nov. 8, 1844. He worked for several years in Boston as a carpenter. In the autumn of 1886 he bought Waldo Foster's farm.

39. Ellery Channing, b. March 26, 1851; res. on the homestead.

40. EZRA (**23**), b. June 27, 1814; d. Nov. 8, 1886. He was for several years connected with the brick store at Wilton Centre. In 1855 he removed to Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he lived seven years, then removed to Springfield, Ohio. He m., April 7, 1836, Mary, dau. of Capt. David Wilson, who d., Sodus Bay, N. Y., July 13, 1844; m., 2d, Oct. 27, 1847, Sarah M. Buell of Newport. Children:

41. Edwin Dumont (**43**), b., Methuen, Mass., July 10, 1850.

42. Mary Wilson, b., Wilton, April 16, 1854. Res. Springfield, Ohio.

43. EDWIN DUMONT (**41**), b., Methuen, Mass., July 10, 1850. Is employed in a bank. He m., Nov. 23, 1875, Minnie E. Seys [?] of Springfield, Ohio. Children:

44. Harriet Foote, b. Nov. 30, 1876.

45. Mabel Buell, b. July 22, 1880.

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1. SILAS BUSS, a brother of Stephen, head of the preceding family, was also from Lunenburg, Mass. He bought of James Blanchard of Dunstable, lot No. ten, third range, for £33, deed dated June 25, 1770. We have obtained no record of his family, but he probably had two sons and two daughters.

2. Silas (**6**), b. Temple.

3. Sibyl, m., Sept. 15, 1817, Abiel Sawyer and lived in Sharon and Peterborough.

4. Aaron (**17**).

5. Abigail, m., Dec. 28, 1814, Parker Tyler. They lived for a few years in Milford.

6. SILAS (**2**), b. Temple. Res. on the homestead until it was sold to Ephriam Brown. He m., March 13, 1800, Fanny, dau. of Nathaniel and Prudence (Abbot) Sawyer, who was b. July 5, 1799, and d. in Temple. Children, all born in Wilton:

7. Amos, b. Nov. 18, 1800; d. 1860, from injuries received in being

thrown from a carriage. Before he was of age he worked a short time for Capt. Isaac Blanchard at furniture making; was employed for a few years in a store in Salem, Mass., and had his name changed to Amos Sawyer Thornton: went to England, where he was prosperous in trade and became wealthy. He m. E. Blackney and had one son.

8. Hermon, b. Aug. 3, 1802; m. Eliza Maynard of Temple, where he lived. He was a selectman for four years, and a representative for three years.

9. Ralph, b. July 27, 1804; d. Oct., 1879. For a few years he was engaged in making brick in Bethlehem, N. Y., thence removed to Cohoes, N. Y., where he continued the same business. For about thirty years before his death, he did a large business as a grocer. He m. Caroline Boucher, by whom he had seven children. She d. Jan. 31, 1884.

10. John, b. Aug. 13, 1806; m. Phebe Pratt of Temple. Six ch.

11. Fanny, b. Sept. 19, 1808; d. Sept. 10, 1813.

12. Nathaniel Sawyer, b. Oct. 26, 1810; d. Oct. 7, 1813.

13. Rodney, b. Aug. 9, 1809; m. Almena Huntley. Res. Acworth.

14. Nathaniel Sawyer, b. Oct. 25, 1814; m. and settled near Buffalo, N. Y.

15. Francis, b. Dec., 1817; m. and settled in East Acworth.

16. Silas, b. Sept. 19, 1819; m. and settled in Holliston, Mass.

17. Aaron (4), m. Hannah ———. Children:

18. Hannah, b. Oct. 30, 1804.

19. Orville, b. Jan. 20, 1807.

BUTTERFIELD FAMILIES.

1. Ephraim Butterfield, served for several weeks in the campaign of 1758 against the French and Indians, and, with three others, is recorded in the Provincial Papers as belonging to the Province of New Hampshire. They were residents of Wilton when the town was incorporated in 1762, and were undoubtedly of Township No. 2 in 1758. Ephraim lived where the road, north of Mrs. Doe's, turns to the west. In 1765 and 1766, he was one of the selectmen, and was several times elected moderator. In consequence of refusing to sign, in 1776, the Resolution "to oppose with arms the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies against the United American Colonies," he was pronounced a Tory, and tradition says that he was ordered to keep within the limits of his farm on penalty of being shot. See pages 89, 90. We have seen no record of his family.

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1. Joseph Butterfield probably came to Wilton soon after the town was incorporated. The Registry of Deeds shows that he often bought and sold land; in some deeds he is designated as a blacksmith. He was selectman four years and often served on important committees. He is supposed to have built and occupied the shop where John Farrington, Benjamin Wallingford, John Mack and James R. Means afterward

worked. He left Wilton before 1795. He and his wife, Mary, had six children:

2. Daniel, b. Sept. 18, 1759.
3. Joseph, b. Aug. 20, 1762; d. Dec. 10, 1767.
4. Amy Town, b. April 14, 1765; d. Oct. 9, 1779.
5. Mary, b. Sept 26, 1767.
6. Ephraim, b. June 14, 1770.
7. Aaron, b. May 6, 1773.

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1. Stephen Butterfield settled on lot No. 17, third range, before Wilton was incorporated; his place is now owned by Stephen H. Dunbar. It is not known when he left Wilton, but Timothy Baldwin lived on his lot in 1788. He had by his first wife, Hannah, five children, and by his second wife, Sarah, five children:

2. Samuel, b. Feb. 29, 1760.
3. Stephen, b. May 6, 1762.
4. Ephraim, b. July 29, 1764; m., Sept. 24, 1789, Dinah Keyes.
5. Hannah, b. April 23, 1766.
6. Lydia, b. Nov. 15, 1768.
7. Stephen, b. Oct. 10, 1772.
8. Sarah, b. July 4, 1774.
9. Eliza, b. May 4, 1776.
10. Nuss Sawyer, b. March 24, 1778.
11. Rebecca, b. Jan. 26, 1780.

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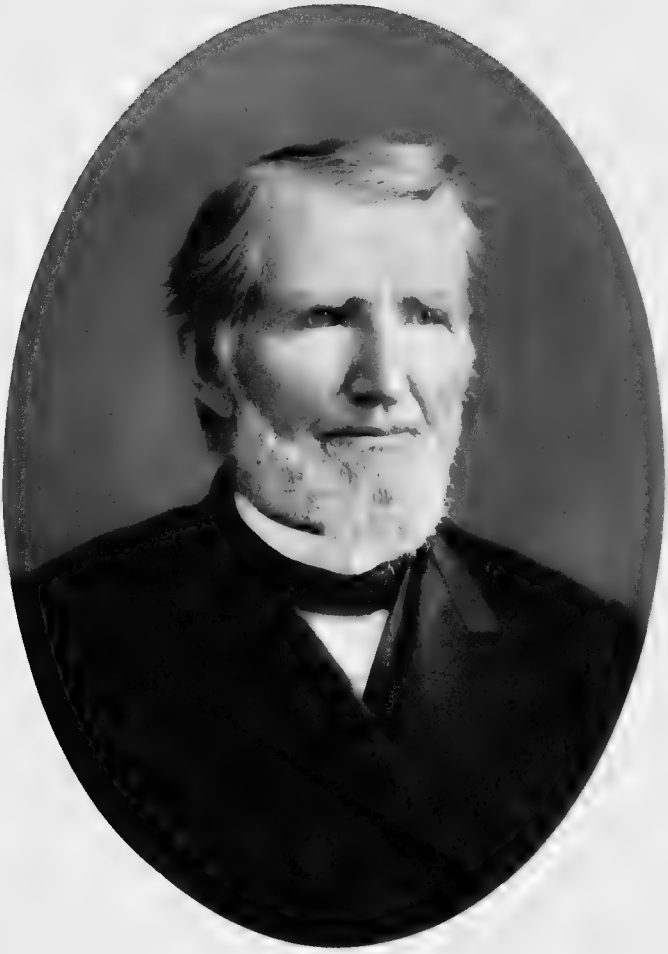
1. Abraham Butterfield, of Wilton, served in Capt. Benj. Taylor's co. on Winter Hill in the winter of 1775-6. He was last taxed in Wilton in 1799; was one of the many who emigrated to Maine in the beginning of this century, and was one of the original proprietors of Wilton, Me. Children by his wife, Ruth:

2. Ruth, b. Nov. 3, 1773.
3. Elizabeth Davis, b. Oct. 30, 1775.
4. Mary, b. June 1, 1780.
5. Sarah, b. Nov. 27, 1782.
6. Clarissa, b. Sept. 22, 1784.
7. Anna Heald, b. Aug. 18, 1786.
8. Abraham, b. Oct. 16, 1788.
9. Ebenezer, b. Oct. 12, 1791.

CARKIN FAMILY

1. Jesse D. Carkin, b. Lyndeborough; m., Oct. 17, 1833, Sarah dau. of James and Ruth (Stiles) Hutchinson. Since 1850 he has lived on the farm in the west part of Wilton, formerly owned and occupied by his wife's father. Children:

2. Emeline C., b. May 21, 1835; m., Sept. 21, 1854, Charles A. Sawtell; n. ch.
3. Albert J. (5), b. May 24, 1836.



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4. Emily C. (**16**), b. Dec. 19, 1838.

5. ALBERT J. (**3**), b. May 24, 1836; m., Oct. 11, 1860, Mary C. Avery. Children:

6. Willis Anson, b. April 6, 1862; d. June 25, 1881.

7. Charles Sawtell, b. April 28, 1863.

8. Albert Franklin, b. April 27, 1864.

9. Alfred Avery, b. May 2, 1866.

10. Clinton Jesse, b. May 3, 1868.

11. Susan Augusta, b. Feb. 2, 1875.

12. Leonard Lewis, b. June 3, 1876.

13. Bertie May, b. April 15, 1878; d. Feb. 14, 1879.

14. Mary Ethel, b. Nov. 5, 1879.

15. Florence Albion, b. Aug. 3, 1883.

16. EMILY C. (**4**), b. Dec. 19, 1838; m., Oct. 15, 1856, Isaac H. Clark. Children:

17. George Henry (Clark), b. Feb., 1858; d. Feb. 29, 1860.

18. Sarah E. (Clark), b. March 4, 1860; d. April 25, 1860.

19. Alfred J. (Clark), b. July 28, 1861; d. Aug. 7, 1863.

20. Isabella M. (Clark), b. Sept. 16, 1863; m., June 3, 1883, George H. Holt. Res. Arlington, Mass.

21. Nellie E. (Clark), b. Sept. 5, 1866.

CENTER FAMILY.

1. JONAS CENTER, d. Sept. 27, 1856, aged 84 yrs. He came from Greenfield to Wilton in 1830, bought the farm formerly owned by Ebenezer Hutchinson and lived on it until his death. His widow d. Oct. 27, 1867, aged 93 yrs., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Hutchinson, in Milford. Two of their sons, named below, came to Wilton with them:

2. Samuel Newell (**4**), b., Greenfield, Sept. 27, 1814.

3. Timothy C. (**12**), b., Greenfield, Aug. 11, 1818.

4. SAMUEL NEWELL (**2**), b., Greenfield, Sept. 27, 1814. He remained with his father until he was of age, when he went to Boston and was there employed in a store until 1840. He then removed to Sumpter Co., Ala., where he kept a store until 1843, when he returned to Wilton and occupied the store adjoining the hotel until it was burned, March 15, 1876. In the same year he rebuilt the hotel and the store, and has since occupied the latter in company with his son, E. B. Center. He served as selectman in 1853, '71 and '72, and was collector of taxes in 1870 and '71. He m., April 7, 1846, Chloe A., eldest dau. of Major Ezra Bales. See Bales gen. (**26**). Children:

5. Marion Elsie, b. Jan. 10, 1847; m., Feb. 28, 1884, Rev. Daniel E. Adams. See Adams gen.

6. George N., b. July 6, 1848; d. July 8, 1863.

7. Rose M., b. Jan. 13, 1850.

8. Anna B., b. Feb. 4, 1852; d. July 29, 1863.

9. Everett B., b. April 18, 1855. In business with his father.

10. Charles C., b. Oct. 22, 1858; d. June 18, 1863.

11. Starr B., b. April 7, 1865. Employed in his father's store.

12. Timothy C. (**3**), b., Greenfield, Aug. 11, 1818; d. April 7, 1867. He was employed in the hotel by Newell Dean, and afterward, for some years, carried on the hotel himself. He m. Maria, dau. of Capt. Jacob Hutchinson of Milford; m., 2d, Dec. 19, 1855, Cordelia Hardy of Greenfield. Child:

13. Samuel Newell, b., Wilton, Nov. 6, 1856. In 1877 he went to Washington, D. C., and was employed by W. H. Abbot and James F. Russell, grocers. In 1885 he returned to Wilton, bought the stock of C. W. Edwards and is now in the grocery business. His store was burned, Dec. 3, 1885.

CHANDLER FAMILY.

1. William Chandler emigrated from England about 1637 and with his wife, Annis, settled in Andover, Mass. He had several children and was the ancestor of many Chandlers, some of whom settled in Concord and Wilton. His daughter, Hannah, m., 1647, George Abbot of Andover, "the venerable ancestor of a numerous progeny."

2. William, son of preceding, had several children.

3. Joseph, son of preceding, m. Sarah Stewart Abbot.

4. Thomas, son of preceding, m. Elizabeth Walcut. Children:

5. Elizabeth, b., Andover, Dec. 17, 1739; d. Jan. 15, 1740.

6. Elizabeth, b. March 23, 1742.

7. Bridget, b. April 2, 1744; d., aged about 20 yrs.

8. Eunice, b. 1746; d. May 20, 1749.

9. Ebenezer (**15**), b. May 14, 1749.

10. Elijah, b. Aug. 6, 1753; killed, June 17, 1775, at the battle of Bunker Hill.

11. Peter, b. March 25, 1755; m. Mercy Ingalls.

12. Joseph, b. Dec. 22, 1756; d. in the Revolutionary army.

13. Asa, b. April 25, 1759; m., Nov. 20, 1781, Eleanor Richardson. He bought of Uriah Smith about 20 acres of the east part of lot No. 12, seventh range, and the tannery, deed dated July 23, 1778; sold the same premises to George Abbot, deed dated April 4, 1781.

14. Thomas, b. 1761; d., aged 16 yrs.

15. Ebenezer (**9**), b. May 14, 1749; d. Sept. 25, 1823. His father died when he was young and the care of the family devolved much upon him. About 1769 he came to Wilton and settled on lot No. 11, sixth range; his place is now owned by Capt. Moses Lovejoy. He m., Nov. 29, 1768, Mary Burnap of Reading, Mass., by whom he had five children; she d. Oct. 22, 1778. He m., 2d, Sarah Averill, widow of James Hutchinson who was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, by whom he had nine children. He m., 3d, Remembrance Fletcher, widow of Moses Pierce. Children:

16. Mary, b. Oct. 17, 1769; m., Nov. 27, 1788, Isaac Jewett of Nelson. Their last years were spent in Wilton.

17. Betsey, b. Feb. 7, 1771; m. John Prince of Brooklyn, Conn., who lived in Wilton for a few years on the farm now owned by George Parkhurst, and d. June 3, 1811, aged 66 yrs: m., 2d, March, 1814, Joseph Melendy of Lyndeborough.

18. Eunice, b. Feb. 12, 1773: m., Nov. 3, 1800, Timothy R. Buxton.

19. Ruth, b. March 15, 1775: m. Dea. Samuel Douglass of Wilton: n. ch.

20. Hannah, b. July 27, 1778: m., Nov. 15, 1798, Nathaniel Blodgett of Stoddard.

21. Ebenezer, b. March 12, 1780; d. May 8, 1781.

22. Ebenezer (**30**), b. May 14, 1781.

23. Thomas, b. Jan. 8, 1783: m., Nov. 19, 1805, Dolly Holt. He lived a few years on the homestead with his father, then removed to Maine, when his brother, Ebenezer, came to Wilton and occupied the homestead until the death of their father.

24. Sarah, b. Feb. 28, 1785: m., Nov. 28, 1820, Jacob Clark; m., 2d, Feb. 19, 1835, Ezra Clark.

25. Amy, b. Nov. 18, 1787; m. Chapin Bolster.

26. Joseph, b. Jan. 28, 1789; m., 1st, Asenath Pratt: m., 2d, Doreas Pratt.

27. Edna, b. June 6, 1790; d. June 21, 1790.

28. Edna, b. Sept. 6, 1791; m. Nehemiah Bennett.

29. Joel, b. June 19, 1794; d. Aug. 22, 1860. Soon after his marriage, he lived a short time in Weston, Vt., where his first child was born, and where he was chosen deacon of the Baptist church at the age of 24. In 1830 he removed from Wilton to Hopkinton, where he served as deacon 20 years. In 1853 he removed to East Weare, where he served as deacon until his death. He was a good man and greatly beloved; sound in faith and undeviating in his Christian course. He m., Feb. 19, 1818, Lucy B., dau. of Timothy and Ruth (Burnham) Gray.

30. Ebenezer (**22**), b. May 14, 1781. A farmer, but often worked at framing buildings. He made patterns for cast iron ploughs that were used in Wilton in 1821. He was one of the first members of the Baptist society. He m. Damaris, dau. of Joel Howe of Peterborough. Children:

31. Ebenezer, b., Peterborough, Nov. 5, 1803; d. March 23, 1885. He was a preacher of the "Christian Band." He m., Sept. 22, 1829, Lucinda, dau. of William Hardy of Wilton, Me., by whom he had three sons and three dau.

32. Luke (**37**), b. Feb. 17, 1806.

33. James Howe, b. 1807; d. Feb., 1860. A farmer and cooper; was a good musician on the kent-horn and clarinet. Soon after marriage he removed to Cicero, N. Y. He m., Nov. 7, 1830, Betsey, dau. of Nathan A. and Betsey (Blood) Whiting, by whom he had two sons and one dau. His wife d. Aug., 1848, aged 33 yrs.

34. John Prince (**50**).

35. Rodney Niles. A carriage maker. He m. Mary Hodge of Cicero, N. Y., where he now res.

36. Eliza D., m. Robert D. Paul, a farmer, of Chesterville, Me.

37. LUKE (**32**), b. Feb. 17, 1806; d., Wilton, Jan. 4, 1881. He went to Maine in 1831 and cleared up many acres of land in Temple and Carthage. He was a good musician on the fife, clarinet and kent-horn. In March, 1871, he returned to Wilton. He m., Dec. 31, 1827, Rebecca F. Melendy. Children:

38. Luke Francis, b., Wilton, May 8, 1828.

39. Augustus Melendy, b., Wilton, Feb. 16, 1830.

40. Abigail Ann, b., Temple, Me., April 14, 1832.

41. Joseph Perham (**57**), b. April 14, 1834.

42. George Riley, b. April 25, 1836; d. June 10, 1854.

43. Malvina, b. Nov. 17, 1838; m.

44. Elvira, b. Nov. 17, 1838; m.

45. Rebecca Jane, b. Oct. 15, 1840.

46. Sumner Beede (**65**), b. Jan. 13, 1843.

47. B. Laforest, b. July 25, 1845. A furniture manufacturer; res. Nashua. He m., June 24, 1869, Mary H., dau. of Oliver W. and Olive (Barker) Boynton. See Boynton gen. (**6**).

48. Harriet A., b. Sept. 24, 1847.

49. Mary A., b. April 21, 1853.

50. JOHN PRINCE (**34**), owned and occupied a farm of 300 acres on the Coos road leading from Castine, Me., to Coos Co., N. H.; 100 acres of the farm was interval land of good quality. A successful farmer; he was a justice of the peace for several years. In Aug., 1835, he received what is supposed to be the first patent granted for a mowing machine; in his machine the power is applied on the same principle as in those of the present time. He obtained a patent for a gang plough and sold the right in 1870. He also received a patent for a carriage hub of malleable iron. He m. Anna, dau. of Enoch Bridges of Wilton, Me., formerly of Wilton, N. H. She d., Mechanics Fall, Poland, Me., Oct. 10, 1881. Children:

51. John Melvin, b., Temple, Me., June 5, 1831.

52. Elizabeth Bridges, b. March 9, 1833; m., Dec. 5, 1859, Jedediah Adams. He served 16 months in the army and was discharged for disabilities for which he has a pension. 6 ch.

53. Enoch Moody, b., Phillips, Me., April 5, 1836.

54. Ellen Maria, b., Weld, Me., June 18, 1840.

55. Carrie Ann, b. March 15, 1843; d. Oct. 16, 1861.

56. Olive Emma, b. May 29, 1846; m., Feb. 24, 1869, Rev. F. E. Enrich of the Tabernacle Ch., Chicago, Ill. They have several children.

57. JOSEPH PERHAM (**41**), b. April 14, 1834. For many years he worked for Messrs. Jones & Co. and the Dascomb Brothers at shoemaking. He owns a residence in the French Village, Wilton. He m. Mary Frances, dau. of Joseph and Abigail (Melendy) Perham of Lyndeborough. Children;

58. Mary Emma, b. Dec. 20, 1858.

59. George Perham, b. Aug. 31, 1861.

60. Etta Frances, b. July 25, 1866.

61. Willis May, b. June 16, 1869.

62. Nora Bell, b. Dec. 27, 1873.

63. Gertrude Elvira, b. March 9, 1876.

64. Frank L., b. Dec. 28, 1881; d. March 5, 1882.

65. SUMNER BEEDE (**46**), b. Jan. 13, 1843. Has been employed for several years by D. Whiting and Sons in their grist-mill. He m., May 9, 1865, Rosetta R., dau. of Joseph and Susan (Manter) Melendy. Children:

66. Nettie E., b. March 26, 1867.

67. Owen S., b. June 13, 1871.

CLARK FAMILIES.

1. MATTHEW CLARK, b., Londonderry, 1762; d., Lyndeborough, Oct. 23, 1827. He was son of John and Margaret (Clark) Clark, and grandson of Dea. James Clark, one of the sixteen proprietors who settled Londonderry in 1718. Dea. James m., May 22, 1722, Mrs. Elizabeth (Fulton) Wilson, mentioned in the History of Londonderry. Matthew removed to Wilton, 1798, and lived on the easterly part of lot No. 15, eighth range, which he sold to Oliver Whiting. He m. in 1783, Nancy Dickey, who was b. April 22, 1761, was dau. of John and Janet (McClintock) Dickey of Derryfield, who were married Feb. 26, 1760, and was granddaughter of David and Isabel (McLaughlin) Dickey of Londonderry, who were married Feb. 27, 1724. Nancy, wife of Matthew, d. Dec. 17, 1844. Children:

2. John, b. Feb. 23, 1784; d. Feb. 17, 1855. Res. in Francestown for some years. He m., Dec. 12, 1812, Margaret Ferson of Francestown, who d. Nov. 23, 1866.

3. Janet Dickey, b. May 15, 1785; d. young.

4. Margaret, b. Jan. 26, 1787; d., Woburn, Mass., Nov. 27, 1843. She m., May 7, 1807, Elijah Leathe of Woburn, who d. Oct. 13, 1863.

5. Betsey, b. Oct. 24, 1788; m. David French of Mont Vernon and settled in Barre, Vt., where she d. April 13, 1872, and her husband d. March 14, 1875.

6. James Linzey, b. May 15, 1790; d. Oct. 11, 1872. He settled in 1815 on the Eben Hill farm in Lyndeborough. He m., June 27, 1815, Rebecca Baldwin, who d. Oct. 18, 1820. See Baldwin gen. (**35**). He m., 2d., 1823, Hannah Baldwin, who d. March 13, 1860. See Baldwin gen. (**38**).

7. Mary, b. Jan. 30, 1792; d., Westfield, Ohio, July 25, 1874. Res. Westfield, O. She m. Abram Bean Chamberlain of West Rumney, who d. April 23, 1852.

8. Sophia, b. Sept. 23, 1793; m., Nov. 13, 1823, John Sprague of Nelson. They res., Keene, O., where she d. June 9, 1857, and her husband d. Jan. 6, 1877.

9. Nancy, b. March 30, 1795; d. March 10, 1873. She m., Nov. 7, 1816, Henry Clark of Chester, who d. April 11, 1867. They res. for many years in New Boston.

10. Iris, b. May 16, 1797; d., Baltimore, Md., Dec. 29, 1833. A teacher of music.

11. David Dickey, b. Sept., 1798; d. young.

12. Infant son, d. July, 1800.

13. Eleanor Joice, b. July, 1802; m., Feb., 1827, Matthew Parker of Mont Vernon; d. Nov. 20, 1828.

1. Robert Clark came to this country from Londonderry, Ireland, about 1725; m. Letitia Cochran, who d. 1783; he d. 1775.

2. Nixian, son of preceding, d. 1808. He m. Mary Ramsey and res. in New Boston.

3. David Ramsey, son of preceding, b., New Boston, June 23, 1785. A saddle and harness maker. He was first taxed in Wilton in 1807 and lived in the house occupied for many years by Dr. Parkhurst and since demolished. He was persuaded to endorse the note of a neighbor who became bankrupt, lost his savings, was forced to sell his estate and, in 1819, returned to New Boston, where he lived until his death. He m., April 26, 1808, Anna Spalding, dau. of Rev. Abel Fisk of Wilton; m., 2d, June 22, 1816, Rebecca Wilkins, dau. of Dea. Samuel Wilkins of Amherst. Children:

4. A son, b. and d. May 2, 1809.

5. Mary Ann, b. May 19, 1810; d. Dec. 27, 1885; m., June 1, 1831, John Perkins, son of Timothy Nichols of Amherst, who is now (1886) living in Boston in good health at the age of 87 yrs. They had three sons, of whom one is living: Arthur Howard (Nichols), M. D., who lives in Boston, Mass.

6. Rebecca Town, b., Wilton, Nov. 6, 1817; m., April 19, 1844, Alonzo Appleton Reed of Nottingham, who d. Oct., 1851, in New Orleans, where he had settled as a printer upon his return from the Mexican war. She m., 2d, William F. Flint and lives in Winchester. She had by her first husband a daughter, b. Nov. 10, 1849.

7. Ninian Ramsey, b., New Boston, July 29, 1820; m., Nov. 29, 1846, Cordelia, dau. of Peter Benner of Waldoborough, Me. Res. Somerville, Mass. Their dau., Emma Frances, was b. Oct. 16, 1847; m., Nov. 29, 1871, Aretas D. Wallace.

8. Sophia Wilkins, b., New Boston, Dec. 25, 1821; m., June 11, 1845, Charles Reed of West Bridgewater, Mass., who was b. Dec. 27, 1815, and d. Dec. 15, 1873. He was engaged in the iron business for many years in Boston and New York, but finally returned to West Bridgewater, where his widow still lives. They had six sons and one dau.

9. Frances, b., New Boston, Feb. 9, 1823; m., Feb. 9, 1858, James Howard of Bridgewater, where they now live. They have had three sons.

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1. Moses Clark, son of Samuel and Abigail Clark, was b., Acworth, Oct. 17, 1819. He came to Wilton Oct. 5, 1846, and was engaged with A. and W. Jones in manufacturing boots and shoes; was afterwards with George W. Daniels in the Depot store; has bought and sold real estate. He was chosen a selectman in 1856, and has been for several years one of the police; was appointed deputy sheriff in 1860, and chosen treasurer of the Wilton Savings Bank in 1870, which offices he still holds. He m., May 4, 1846, Julia L. Gay, who was b., Washington, N. H., 1820. Children:

2. Josephine L., b., Wilton, Feb., 1847; m. Willard D. Chase, M. D., of Peterborough.

3. Frank Gay, b., Wilton, 1851; m. Fanny Brooks of Peterborough. He was educated at Meriden and at Dartmouth College; a lawyer at Peterborough, where, in 1884, he was chosen representative to the Legislature.

4. Ada M., b., 1862. Grad. of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass.

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1. Aaron Augustus Clark, b., Topsfield, Mass., Oct. 19, 1834. He came to Wilton, 1850, and, for several years, worked for Messrs. Jones at shoe making. At the call for nine months' men, 1862, he was appointed Captain of Co. C, 16 Regt., N. H. V., which reënforced Gen. Banks in Louisiana. After the war he bought the farm formerly owned by Henry Abbot, on which he now lives. He m., March 1, 1855, Abby W., dau. of Joseph and Abigail (Melendy) Perham, who was b., Lyndeborough, May 25, 1835. Children:

2. Edwin A., b. June 30, 1857; d. Aug. 4, 1864.
3. Fred W., b. Oct. 2, 1858.
4. Nellie Louise, b. July 28, 1861.
5. Harry Herbert, b. March 28, 1866.
6. Hattie Bell, b. June 18, 1867.
7. Abbie Frances, b. Aug. 24, 1870.
8. Lizzie Mabel, b. Feb. 22, 1874.

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1. Warner Clark, son of Daniel Clark, b., Francestown, March 10, 1812. Res. in Francestown until May, 1857, when he removed to Wilton. For many years he was engaged in getting out bobbin stock. Has been a selectman of Francestown, a deputy sheriff and a justice of the peace. He m., Nov. 13, 1834, Catharine Kidder, who was b. March 10, 1813, and d. Jan. 20, 1848; m., 2d, Nov. 9, 1848, Mrs. Sarah Ham. Children by first wife:

2. George Sumner, who lives at Springfield, Mass.
3. John Henry, who lives at Green Island, Neb.

CLIFFORD FAMILY.

1. Robert E. Clifford was born in Edgemont, Me.; bought, in 1878, of George W. Bridges the Bridges homestead, and soon after the purchase came to Wilton to reside with his wife and three children. Mrs. Clifford d. Sept. 21, 1878, aged 61.

George I. Doe, who was born in Parsonsfield, Me., married a daughter of Mr. Clifford, and, in 1881, came to Wilton to live. He has much improved the Clifford residence, making it one of the pleasantest in town. He has served three years as selectman.

COBURN FAMILIES.

1. George Coburn came to Wilton before 1768 and lived on the place now owned by W. W. Reed until his death in 1811. He was one of the fifteen men in Capt. Nathan Ballard's co. that started, on the alarm of June 29, 1777, to reënforce the army at Ticonderoga; he was, also, one of

the twenty in Capt. Philip Putnam's co., who marched from Wilton, Sept. 29, 1777, to join the army at Saratoga. Children by his wife Mary:

2. Mary, b. Sept. 2, 1765.

3. Lydia, b. March 6, 1767; m., Nov. 27, 1788, Samuel Howard of Temple.

4. Parthenia, b. Feb. 19, 1770.

5. Judith, b. Sept. 9, 1772.

6. Levina, b. Aug. 18, 1774; m., May 16, 1799, Phineas Carlton of Temple.

7. Thankful, b. Oct. 6, 1776.

8. George, b. Sept. 19, 1778.

9. Jacob, b. Sept. 9, 1780.

10. Sally, b. Aug. 22, 1782.

11. James, b. Nov. 10, 1785.

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1. Amos Coburn came from Dracut, Mass., and settled on lot No. 17, first range, the place now owned by John Pollard. He also owned the east half of lot No. 18, second range. Tradition represents him as a man of strong mind and sound judgment with some eccentricities. He was last taxed in 1809; his name is on the list of 1810, but the invoice and taxes are set down to his son Jonathan. We have found no record of his family, but he had three children:

2. Polly, m., Nov. 30, 1786, Joel Holt. See Holt gen.

3. James, m., Nov. 17, 1796, Polly Flinn of Milford. He was a captain of militia. He d. 1808 or 9, leaving a widow who m., 2d, Capt. Isaac Spalding of Wilton, and m., 3d, Nathan Merrill of Milford.

4. Jonathan (**5**).

5. Jonathan (**4**), d. April 8, 1835, aged 61 yrs. He lived on the homestead, was a farmer and practised dentistry and surgery. It is not known that he performed more than one amputation, and there was nothing remarkable about that, except the speed with which it was done. A young man, apprentice to the joiners' trade, was sorely troubled with an in-growing toenail. He tried in vain to cure it, so he took his paring chisel and went to Dr. Coburn, who, with one blow of the mallet, relieved him of the offending part of his toe. Jonathan m. Mary Ann Fish of Lyndeborough. Children:

6. Jonathan, b. Aug 24, 1827.

7. Mary Ann, b. June 30, 1829.

8. Achsah, b. Aug. 22, 1831.

COOLEY FAMILY.

1. Thomas Cooley, b., Merrimack, March 17, 1860. A house painter. He came to Wilton in 1877. He m., Oct. 21, 1883, Katie, dau. of John Lane. Children:

2. John L., b. Sept. 22, 1884.

3. Grace M., b. Dec. 14, 1885.

4. Alice, b. Dec. 20, 1886.

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CRAGIN FAMILY.

1. JOHN CRAGIN, or Cragon, as the name was then spelled, was a Scot by birth. The tradition is that, at the age of sixteen, he was forced to join the Scottish army supporting Charles II. against Cromwell, and that he was taken prisoner at the battle of Dunbar; that, in 1652, he, with over 270 others, was sent to America in the ship "John and Sarah" to be sold into servitude as a penalty for his political offences. Tradition says further that on the voyage he was smitten with small-pox, that his life was despaired of and he was about to be thrown overboard, but was spared at the intercession of a young English woman, Sarah Dawes, whom he afterward married in Woburn, Mass., where they lived and died. They had eight children.

2. JOHN, sixth child of preceding, b. Sept. 19, 1677; d. Jan. 26, 1703; m. Deborah Skelton, by whom he had three children.

3. JOHN, eldest child of preceding, b. March 24, 1701; m. Judith Barker of Concord, Mass., and settled in that part of Concord which is now Acton, whence he removed to Temple. 9 ch.

4. FRANCIS, seventh child of preceding, was b. in Acton, came with his parents to Temple, where he grew to manhood and m. Elizabeth Law, by whom he had two sons; m., 2d, Sibyl Piper, by whom he had ten children.

5. FRANCIS, eldest child of preceding, b. Oct. 24, 1773; m. Sarah Cummings, by whom he had several children. Res. in Temple and was known as Capt. Frank Cragin.

6. AUGUSTUS, b. July 19, 1802; d. June 21, 1880. A farmer and mechanic. For a few years after his marriage he res. at Merrimack; in 1837 he bought a farm in the north part of Temple on which he lived thirty years, then bought a farm in Wilton, formerly owned by Josiah Parker, where he res. until his death. He was favorably known by many persons in Wilton before he came to the town. He m., Dec. 14, 1830, Almira Boynton, who was born Dec. 5, 1807, and d. Oct. 30, 1883. Of their ten children the four named below are residents of Wilton:

7. Julia A., b. May 25, 1835; m., March 29, 1857, Henry O. Draper. See Draper gen. She m., 2d, Jan. 1, 1880, Judson A. Hartshorn.

8. Daniel, b., Merrimack, Jan. 1, 1837; m., March 22, 1859, Jane L., dau. of Capt. John and Lucetta (Draper) Dolliver of Lyndeborough; n. ch. For account of his life see page 281.

9. Sarah, b. Oct. 27, 1842; m. ——— Stone; m., 2d, May 5, 1874, William A. Burton. See Burton gen. (**111**). She d. Sept. 12, 1887.

10. Nathan A., b. March 14, 1848; m., April 19, 1870, Caroline M. Stanley. They have two children: Lizzie M., b. Feb. 21, 1872, and Charles H., b. July 21, 1874.

CRAM FAMILIES.

1. JOHN CRAM settled on lot No. 14, fifth range, the place where Ephraim Putnam lived for a short time before he went to Lyndeborough. The house, built by John Cram, was at the intersection of the roads

near the North cemetery; it was occupied by Stephen Putnam until 1813, when Darius Townsend turned it into a hatter's shop, for which purpose it was used about ten years. John Cram's descendants were last taxed in Wilton in 1805, and it is not known that any of his descendants now live in Wilton. Children of John and Sarah, his wife:

2. Sarah, b. May 18, 1741; m., Jan. 2, 1787, Joshua Jaquith.

3. John (**13**), b. Sept. 28, 1743.

4. Asa (**25**), b. April 4, 1746.

5. Joseph (**28**), b. April 21, 1748.

6. Lydia, b. May 28, 1750.

7. Phebe, b. Aug. 10, 1752; d. Aug. 29, 1752.

8. Ebenezer (**31**), b. Sept. 19, 1753.

9. Humphrey, b. Jan. 10, 1755. On Dec. 17, 1777, he enlisted for three years in Capt. Isaac Frye's co., Col. Scammell's regt. He sold the east half of lot No. 9, ninth range, except about five acres on the north side, to Daniel Batchelder, deed dated Sept. 22, 1792; the same is now owned by C. M. Batchelder.

10. Phebe, b. April 11, 1757.

11. Zebulon (**36**), b. June 30, 1760.

12. Hannah, b. June 5, 1764; m., June 19, 1782, David Heseltine.

13. JOHN (**3**), b. Sept. 28, 1743. He m., 1st, Susanna ———; m., 2d, Dec. 9, 1779, Sarah [or Mary] Jaquith. Children:

14. Susanna, b. and d. Nov. 15, 1767.

15. John, b. Oct. 16, 1768.

16. Abiel, b. Aug. 28, 1770.

17. Susanna, b. Feb. 2, 1772.

18. Daniel, b. March 6, 1774.

19. Andrew, b. Oct. 24, 1775.

20. Sarah, b. Jan. 26, 1778; d. Nov. 3, 1778.

21. Archelaus, b. June 26, 1779.

22. Sarah, b. May 10, 1781.

23. Mary, b. Dec. 30, 1783.

24. Phebe, b. Aug. 8, 1786.

25. ASA (**4**), b. April 4, 1746. He was enrolled, April 23, 1775, in Capt. William Walker's co., Col. James Reed's regt., was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill and d. July 16, 1775. He m., July 25, 1771, Sibyl McLane. Children:

26. Asa, b. April 22, 1772; d. Aug. 6, 1776.

27. Nathan, b. Nov. 18, 1774.

28. JOSEPH (**5**), b. April 21, 1748. He served on Winter Hill in Capt. Benj. Taylor's co. He m., Dec. 13, 1773, Abigail Farmer. Children:

29. Abigail, b. Feb. 23, 1775.

30. Joseph, b. Feb. 24, 1777.

31. EBENEZER (**8**), b. Sept. 19, 1753. Served in Capt. Benj. Taylor's co. at Winter Hill. Children by his wife, Rachel:

32. Rachel, b. May 6, 1774.

33. Asa (**46**), b. June 10, 1776.

34. Levi, b. Aug. 7, 1778.

35. Sarah, b. Sept. 2, 1780.

36. ZEBULON (**11**), b. June 30, 1760. His name is in Burton's list of Rev. soldiers. See pages 98, 101. Res. on the homestead and was last taxed in 1805; removed to Andover, Vt. Children by his wife, Esther:

37. Esther, b. Oct. 17, 1784.

38. Nancy, b. Sept. 21, 1786.

39. Betsey, b. July 15, 1788; d. May 21, 1795.

40. Chloe, b. March 28, 1790.

41. Charlotte, b. May 21, 1792.

42. Olive, b. May 2, 1794.

43. Lucinda, b. Nov. 1, 1796.

44. Infant, b. March 21, 1800; d. March 29, 1800.

45. Betsey, b. May 17, 1801.

46. ASA (**33**), b. June 10, 1776. Children by his wife, Abigail:

47. Levi, b. Sept. 5, 1804.

48. Abigail, b. May 6, 1806.

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1. JONATHAN CRAM settled on the farm now owned by J. F. and H. W. Frye. In the inventory for 1763, there are set against his name, one poll, two oxen, one cow, one horse, six acres of tillage, four acres of mowing, one acre of pasture and a house. He was town treasurer for several years and often served on important committees. He m. Sarah, dau. of Jacob and Susanna (Stiles) Putnam. Children:

2. Sarah, b. Feb. 21, 1760.

3. Jonathan (**9**), b. Nov., 1764.

4. Philip, b. Feb. 24, 1766; d. Jan. 7, 1832. An industrious farmer and a good townsman; res. on the homestead; unm.

5. Susanna, b. Jan. 27, 1769; m. Abiel Bridges. See Bridges gen. (**2**).

6. Mary, b. Jan. 27, 1769; m., June 12, 1794, Joseph Gage.

7. Mehitable, b. July 14, 1772; d. Oct. 7, 1842; unm. Res. on the homestead and kept house for her brother, Philip.

8. Zerviah, b. Sept. 20, 1775; d. Feb. 10, 1859; m., Feb. 21, 1799, David Carlton, who d. Aug. 15, 1851, aged 79 yrs. They left Wilton soon after their marriage, but returned a few years before his death. Several children, of whom we have obtained no record.

9. JONATHAN (**3**), b. Nov., 1764; d., Andover, Vt., Nov., 1857, aged 93 yrs; m., May 22, 1787, Mary Greele. About eight years after his marriage, he removed with his wife and the four children, named below, to Andover, Vt., where he became a prominent man.

10. Polly, b. Dec. 15, 1788.

11. Jotham, b. Aug. 6, 1790.

12. Caleb, b. April 19, 1793.

13. Daniel, b. Dec. 27, 1794.

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1. DAVID CRAM, b. Waitsfield, Vt.; d. Oct. 12, 1886, aged 80 yrs., 5 mos. He was a grandson of David and Mary (Badger) Cram, and

a son of David Cram, Jun. Several years before he was of age, he came to Wilton and lived with Philip Cram; m., March 13, 1829, Susanna Bridges, a niece of Philip Cram, and dau. of Abiel and Susanna (Cram) Bridges. See Bridges gen. (**13**). David subsequently became the owner of Philip's farm and lived on it until he sold it to J. F. and H. W. Frye, when he moved into the village. He was representative to the Legislature for three years, and selectman for four years. His wife, Susanna, d. of small-pox, leaving no children. He m., 2d, March 24, 1855, Betsey M. Burt, who was b., Windsor, Vt., Jan. 29, 1824. Children:

2. Fred. Burt, b. Dec. 10, 1858; drowned June 2, 1886.

3. Emma C., b. Sept. 18, 1860.

CURTIS FAMILY.

1. ISRAEL CURTIS, b., London, Eng., and came to America about 1725.

2. ELI, b., Reading, Mass., Jan. 18, 1754; on May 8, 1796, removed with his family to Lyndeborough, where he d., 1835.

3. ELI, b., Reading, Mass., Jan. 10, 1784; d., Lyndeborough, Aug. 6, 1876. He m. Sarah Loring, dau. of William Loring, son of John Loring, who came from England under Gen. Wolfe in 1759 and was at the capture of Quebec.

4. ISRAEL W., b., Lyndeborough, Dec 25, 1823. A farmer and came to Wilton, Oct. 20, 1866. He has been an invalid for many years, and for the last seven years has been confined to his bed. He m., Nov. 28, 1850, Sarah Haggett. Children:

5. Eli J. (**10**), b., Lyndeborough, Dec. 29, 1851.

6. Clintina S., b., Lyndeborough, Dec. 28, 1854; m., April 27, 1872, A. Augustus Whitney, M. D., of Adrian, Mich.

7. Hattie L., b., Lyndeborough, Dec. 16, 1859; d. March 28, 1866.

8. Nettie C., b., Lyndeborough, March 11, 1862.

9. Walter J., b., Wilton, March 3, 1867.

10. ELI J. (**5**), b. Dec. 29, 1851. He learned the harness-maker's trade of Lewis Tingley, and has carried on the business for himself since 1877. He m., Dec. 29, 1875, Elsie O. Daniels, who was b. Feb. 19, 1855, and d. March 20, 1882. See Daniels gen. (**9**). He m., 2d, Jan. 4, 1886, Ella F. Richardson. Children:

11. Clintina E., b. April 9, 1877.

12. Elsie B., b. Dec. 15, 1879.

13. Edward R., b. March 6, 1887.

DALE FAMILIES.

1. JOHN DALE, b., Danvers, or Salem, Mass., Sept. 7, 1718; d. Nov. 10, 1789. He began a settlement near the intersection of the roads east of the house that he built, which is now owned by S. H. Dunbar. He cleared up a large farm that remained in the possession of his descendants, until it was sold by the administrator of the estate of his grandson, John Dale, in 1843; since which time the name of Dale has been extinct

in Wilton. The farm has been divided, and is now owned by many different persons, a part of the village of East Wilton being on the southeast part of it. From the date of the birth of Mr. Dale's first child, it appears probable that his wife did not come to Wilton earlier than 1742 or 1743. He m. Mary Ellinwood, who was b. March 19, 1725, and d. Dec. 28, 1789. Children:

2. Anna, b. March 31, 1745; m., Dec. 3, 1789, William Upton.

3. Betty, b. Oct. 2, 1746; m. Joseph Holt, Jun. See Holt gen.

4. John (**16**), b. July 26, 1748.

5. Abigail, b. May 19, 1750.

6. Ebenezer, b. May 8, 1752; d. May 15, 1752.

7. Mary, b. Sept. 26, 1754; m., Sept. 22, 1778, Simeon Holt.

8. Samuel, b. Feb. 12, 1756; d. Aug. 18, 1756.

9. Rhoda, b. June 5, 1757.

10. Sarah, b. Jan. 3, 1759; m., June 8, 1784, Oliver Fletcher.

11. Jacob, b. Sept. 6, 1761; d. in infancy.

12. Rachael, b. July 24, 1762; d. July 1, 1827; m., Aug. 11, 1785, Jacob Dascomb. See Dascomb gen. (**13**).

13. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 26, 1764; d. July 18, 1765.

14. Jonathan, b. Sept. 18, 1765; d. same day.

15. Aaron, b. Feb. 10, 1768; d., 1769.

16. JOHN (**4**), b. July 26, 1748; d. July 11, 1809. Res. on the homestead. He served in Capt. Benjamin Taylor's co. at Winter Hill and was in Capt. Philip Putnam's co. at White Plains, Oct. 28, 1776. He m., Nov. 25, 1778, Rhoda Holt, who d. July 25, 1799, aged 42 yrs; m., 2d, Lydia Lamon. Children:

17. John, b. Jan. 6, 1779; d. Jan. 7, 1779.

18. Rhoda, b. Feb. 15, 1780; m., Dec. 22, 1803, Ebenezer Hutchinson, Jun.

19. Abigail, b. Nov. 7, 1781; m., April 12, 1804, Abel Fisk, Jun.

20. Mary, b. Sept. 10, 1783; m., Aug. 8, 1811, Frederick Hutchinson.

21. John (**30**), b. Aug. 3, 1785.

22. Ebenezer (**35**), b. March 14, 1788.

23. Anna, b. Nov. 29, 1789; d., Francestown, Sept. 16, 1862; m., Jan. 22, 1834, Abner Blanchard. See Blanchard gen. (**71**).

24. Sally, b. Dec. 3, 1791; d. June 6, 1796.

25. Betsey, b. July 10, 1793; m., Dec. 7, 1815, Jesse Raymond of Mont Vernon. She d. at Milford leaving one son, John D. (Raymond).

26. Sumner, b. June 20, 1795; d. June 25, 1796.

27. Sarah, b. Aug. 4, 1797; m., Dec. 25, 1817, John Burton. See Burton gen. (**66**).

28. Lamon, b. Dec. 2, 1803; unm. He spent some years in Tennessee and Alabama.

29. Lydia, b. Aug. 12, 1805; m. Rev. Joseph Warren, D. D. They went as missionaries to Asia, returned and settled in Salem, Ill., where Mrs. Warren d. Aug. 26, 1868.

30. JOHN (**21**), b. Aug. 3, 1785; d. April 12, 1843. He and Ebenezer, after the death of their father, carried on the home farm together until

1834, when Ebenezer sold out to John and removed to Sandwich. John m. Nancy Beede, who was b. in Sandwich and d. Oct. 7, 1825, aged 29 yrs.; m., 2d, May 8, 1827, Mercia Ann Cochran of New Boston, where she res. after the death of her husband. Children:

31. Nancy Beede, b. Aug., 1825; d. June 24, 1844.

32. Eliza A., b. Jan. 20, 1828; m. George Greenwood. For eight years they were employed by Mr. Colony to keep the boarding-house at the factory in Harrisville. For several years past they have kept a boarding-house in Manchester.

33. Mercia Ann, b. Oct. 10, 1832; res. in New Boston; unm.

34. John Franklin, b. Aug. 1, 1835; d. Sept. 24, 1851.

35. EBENEZER (**22**), b. March 14, 1788; d. Sept., 1863. He m. Mehitable Beede of Sandwich. Children:

36. John Beede, b. June, 1835. Removed to Illinois.

37. Sarah; m.

38. Eben Holt; d. in the army.

39. Hattie; m.

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1. TIMOTHY DALE, supposed to be a brother of preceding John (**1**), was the first settler on the farm now owned by Jeremiah Driscoll. His invoice in 1763 was one poll, two oxen, two cows, three acres of tillage, four acres of mowing and a house. He was last taxed in Wilton in 1801. In 1802, and for many years after, the farm was owned by Joel Baldwin of Billerica, Mass. He had four children by first wife, Hannah, and three by second wife, Rebekah:

2. Timothy, b. March 24, 1762. He m. and res. at different places—at one time at Sandwich, where his skull was fractured by a limb falling from a tree; he was trepanned and a twenty-five cent piece was inserted to replace the fragment which had been removed. In consequence of the injury, his left side was paralyzed so as nearly to incapacitate him for labor. He returned to Wilton in 1808 or 1809 and received assistance from the town for the rest of his life. He had two sons and three daughters of whom we find no record.

3. Hannah, b. Oct. 22, 1763.

4. Joshua, b. Jan. 22, 1765.

5. Samuel, b. March 23, 1767.

6. Simon, b. Oct 22, 1772.

7. Sarah, b. May 4, 1774.

8. Rebekah, b. April 21, 1779.

DANIELS FAMILY.

1. GEORGE W. DANIELS, b., Brookline, May 2, 1813; d. Nov. 3, 1865. He came to Wilton in 1844, and for a while ran the French Mills; conducted for a time the depot store with Mr. Bailey of Brookline; also the co-operative store near G. R. Mansur's. He m. Eliza S. Hildreth, who was b., Henniker, Feb. 27, 1819, and d. Dec. 23, 1880. Children:

2. Melissa, b., Henniker, Oct. 11, 1837; m., May 1, 1866, John S. McKay. See McKay gen.

3. Emily J., b. Oct. 16, 1839; d. Feb. 22, 1857.

4. Martha M., b. Feb. 22, 1842.

5. Adelaide E., b. April 27, 1844; d. July 16, 1845.

6. Adeliza A., b., Aug. 9, 1846; d. Dec. 27, 1846.

7. George L., b. Oct. 25, 1849.

8. Julia S., b. June 6, 1852; m. Fred. D. Burt. She d. Jan. 3, 1881.

9. Elsie O., b. Feb. 19, 1855; m., Dec. 29, 1875, Eli J. Curtis. See Curtis gen. (**10**). She d. March 20, 1882.

DASCOMB FAMILY.

1. ——— DASCOMB. According to Prof. James Dascomb, who received the information from his father, one of this name emigrated from England about 1725 and settled in Watertown, Mass. He is said to have had two sons, Thomas and James, and one daughter.

2. JAMES, b. 1732; d. June 6, 1807. About 1766 or 1767 he, with his family, removed from Lunenburg, Mass., and settled on the south side of the road on the land now owned by Mrs. Francis Whiting, about half way from her house to the little brook. On April 19, 1775, he felled the first tree in commencing a clearing on lot No. 20, seventh range; this being the first clearing on the lot. During the year he removed his family to this place which was subsequently their home. The above facts were furnished by Prof. James Dascomb, grandson of this James. The farm remained in the possession of the family until it was sold by Joseph Dascomb, a few years since. One or two incidents will illustrate the character of the farm. During the early existence of the Hillsborough Agricultural Society, a committee was chosen to examine the farms and crops that were entered for premiums. Rev. Mr. Moore of Milford, chairman of the committee, said in his report: "We next visited the farm of Mr. James Dascomb of Wilton, where we found a soil as strong as rocks could make it, and corn such as we found on no other farm." The writer of this well recollects a remark made some years ago by Mr. David Whiting, at that time residing on the farm now owned by the County. He said: "As a general thing, I think my crops were good, but do the best I could, Joseph Dascomb would beat me all out raising corn." James m. Elizabeth Farrington, who d. Oct. 10, 1832, aged 93 yrs. Children:

3. Jacob (**13**), b. Aug. 15, 1760.

4. Sarah, b. July 14, 1762; m., Dec. 4, 1783, Peter Farnham.

5. George, b. Oct. 16, 1764; m., 1791, Sally Lufkin. They lived in Hillsborough, where he was a prominent man. Nine children:

6. James (**24**), b. Sept. 6, 1766.

7. Vassal, b. Nov. 24, 1768.

8. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 24, 1772; m., Nov. 25, 1794, Daniel Russell.

9. Calvin, b. March 10, 1774; d. Oct. 26, 1776.

10. Mary, b. Feb. 22, 1777; m., Nov. 20, 1822, Asa Stiles.

11. Hannah, d. Dec. 10, 1806.

12. Brooks, b. July 29, 1781; m., Jan. 1, 1807, Sarah Brown. A blacksmith and res. in Maine.

13. JACOB (**3**), b. Aug. 15, 1760; d. July 4, 1827. He served in the Rev. Army, in the Mass. line. After his marriage he lived in Lyndeborough until 1809, when he removed to Wilton. He was for several years town clerk and selectman of Lyndeborough. He m., Aug. 11, 1785, Rachel Dale, who was b. July 24, 1762, and d. July 1, 1827. See Dale gen. (**12**). Children.

14. Rachel, b. Nov. 15, 1785; m., 1807, Timothy Putnam of Lyndeborough.

15. Sarah, b. Aug. 12, 1787; m., Oct., 1809, Archelaus Fuller.

16. Jacob, b. May 5, 1789; d. Dec., 1789.

17. Calvin (**36**), b. Oct. 29, 1790.

18. Betsey, b. Aug. 14, 1792; m., 1816, John Thurston. Res. in Fitchburg, Northfield, Mass., and in Wilton. They had several children, all of whom, but one, d. young.

19. Luther, b. March 15, 1795; d. Feb. 28, 1797.

20. Mary, b. June 3, 1797; m., Dec. 3, 1835, Samuel W. Dutton of Northfield, Mass. They had a son and a daughter.

21. Jacob, b. Aug. 13, 1799; d. Nov. 30, 1875. Res. Andover, Mass. He m., March 10, 1824, Fanny Johnson of Andover, Mass., who d. Feb. 14, 1839; m., 2d, May 14, 1840, Parthenia P. U. Wilder.

22. Luther (**45**), b. Dec. 20, 1801.

23. James, b. 1805; d. Aug. 26, 1805.

24. JAMES (**6**), b. Sept. 6, 1766; d. Aug. 22, 1845. He lived a short time in Andover, Vt., but returned to Wilton and res. on homestead. A man of sound common sense and much respected. He m., May 20, 1794, Mary Lovejoy, who d. Nov. 16, 1851, aged 80 yrs. Children:

25. Samuel, b. May 29, 1795; d. Aug. 9, 1798.

26. James, b. Oct. 24, 1796; d. Aug. 7, 1798.

27. Vassal, b. March 18, 1798; d. Oct. 4, 1805.

28. Samuel, b. June 22, 1799; d. Oct. 7, 1805.

29. Mary, b. June 17, 1801; m., June 3, 1823, Rev. Samuel R. Hale.

30. Elizabeth Farrington, b. Feb. 13, 1803; d. Sept. 26, 1805.

31. Harriet, b. Nov. 1, 1804; d. Sept. 29, 1805.

32. Elizabeth Farrington, b. Aug. 29, 1806; m., May 18, 1833, Rev. Solon Martin. Res. in Vermont.

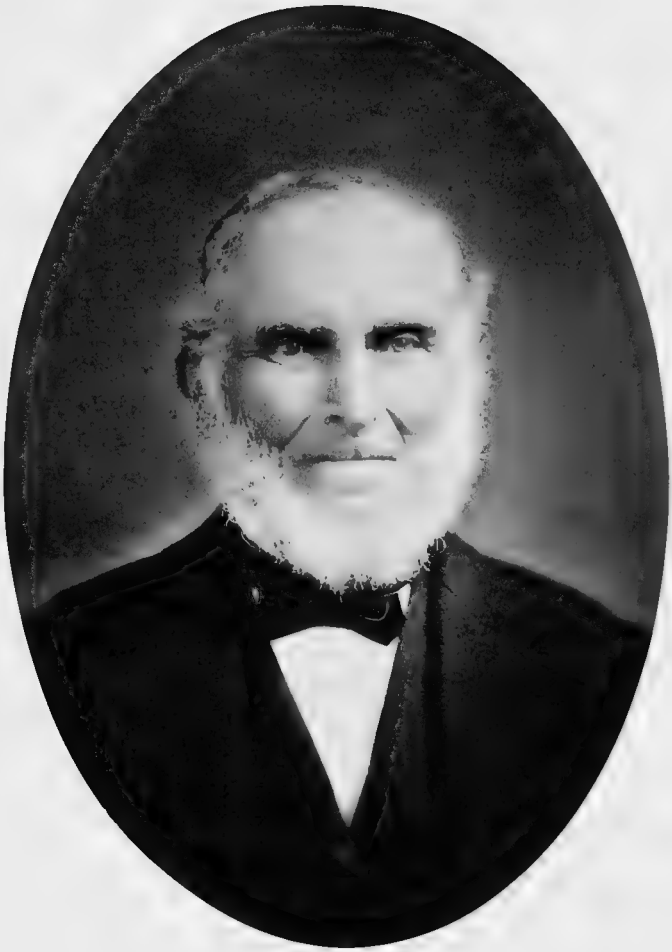
33. James, b. Feb. 25, 1808; d. April, 1880. For account of his life see page 267. He m., April 14, 1834, Marianne Tenney Parker; n. ch., but adopted two daughters.

34. Joseph (**52**), b. Feb. 5, 1810.

35. George Lovejoy (**61**), b. April 6, 1818.

36. CALVIN (**17**), b. Oct. 29, 1790; d. Oct. 13, 1859. He lived in Milford on the place now owned by S. B. Cotton, and was engaged in making brick for many years in Wilton, Milford, Mason and Fitchburg. He m., July 23, 1820, Rachel Putnam, who d. Oct. 10, 1856, aged 60 yrs., 8 mos. Children:

37. Philip Farrington, b. May 25, 1821; d. March 18, 1841.



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38. Benjamin Abbot, b. Aug. 25, 1823; d. Dec. 16, 1851.

39. Calvin Brooks, b. Aug. 18, 1825; d. Nov. 3, 1884. He was for many years in the firm of Messrs. Jones & Co., manufacturers of boots and shoes. He m., April 6, 1854, Mary Ann Jaquith, who d. July 17, 1856; m., 2d, Jan. 20, 1858, Almira L. Jones; n. ch.

40. Elizabeth Rachel, b. June 9, 1827; d. Feb. 19, 1847.

41. Eliphalet Putnam, b. Dec. 26, 1828. He was engaged for several years, in company with his brother, Calvin Brooks, in the manufacture of boots and shoes. He m., Aug. 12, 1858, Abbie A. Livermore; n. ch.

42. Mary E. P., b. Sept. 15, 1833; d. March 2, 1870. Was a teacher for several years.

43. John Thurston, b. July 25, 1837; d. March 19, 1845.

44. John Farrington, b. Jan. 30, 1845; d. Dec. 7, 1845.

45. LUTHER (**22**), b. Dec. 20, 1801; d. June 1, 1885. For ten years he made bobbins; after that was engaged in stone work and jobbing; held offices in the militia to the rank of colonel. He m., Sept. 29, 1829, Harriet Russell. Children:

46. James Russell (63), b. June 8, 1830.

47. Francis Augustus, b. June 25, 1832; d. Nov. 4, 1832.

48. Sarah Elizabeth, b. July 4, 1834; m. ——— Stearns; m., 2d, John Ramsdell. Res. in Iowa.

49. Harriet Ellen, b. May 26, 1836; d. Oct. 10, 1849.

50. Emma Louisa, b. Sept. 14, 1840; d. Aug. 11, 1874; m. David Lovejoy.

51. Hannah Putnam, b. Oct 28, 1844; d. June 11, 1850.

52. JOSEPH (**34**), b. Feb. 5, 1810. He resided on the homestead: his own business has had much greater attraction for him than public office; is a consistent member of the Second Cong. Ch. He m., June 4, 1834, Emily A. Russell. Children:

53. Edward Augustus, b. March 8, 1835; d. Aug. 7, 1860.

54. Mary Louisa, b. April 21, 1837; d. Oct. 13, 1857.

55. Emily Elizabeth, b. Feb. 20, 1839; d. Nov. 12, 1880.

56. Hannah Maria, b. April 29, 1841; d. July 19, 1841.

57. Charles Brooks, b. Nov. 10, 1842; d. May 19, 1874. He was mustered into the service, Aug. 21, 1862, was assigned as a recruit to the Fourth Regt., N. H. V., and was mustered out, Aug. 24, 1865. A few years before his death he fell on the ice and injured his hip so as to disable him for labor.

58. Samuel James, b. Dec. 10, 1844; d. May 7, 1882. A carpenter and res. in Manchester. He m. Dec. 31, 1873: n. ch.

59. Abby Frances, b. May 25, 1847; d. Sept. 14, 1870.

60. Franklin, b. May 28, 1850; d. Dec. 26, 1851.

61. GEORGE LOVEJOY (**35**), b. April 6, 1818. For account of Mr. Dascombe's life see page 292. He m., May 5, 1849, Julia A Pettengill. Child:

62. Everard Willie, b. May 19, 1856. Grad. Hobart College, 1880, as valedictorian; m. and removed to San Antonio, Texas, where he died.

63. James Russell (**46**), b. June 8,1830. He is engaged in stone work; m., Dec. 13, 1858, Abbie S. Fuller. Child:

64. Ella Florence, b. June 26, 1861; m., Dec. 15, 1878, Julius C. Surprise. Res. Milford.

DAVISON FAMILY.

1. Gideon A. Davison, b., Waterford, Vt., Sept, 2, 1827. He came to East Wilton from Milford in Oct., 1858, and resided there till 1864 when he removed to Wilton Centre, where he has the care of Mr. George A. Newell's premises. He m., Hopkinton, Mass., Jan. 9, 1852, Betsey J. Cabur, who was b., Benton, Sept. 16, 1830. Children:

2. Charles M., b. May 13, 1853.

3. Edward LeRoy, b., Milford, April 4, 1858; d. Jan. 15, 1860.

4. Lillian Effie, b. Nov. 28, 1865.

5. Arthur W., b. Aug. 29, 1868.

DRAPER FAMILY.

1. Henry O. Draper, b., Lyndeborough, April 11, 1836; d. Aug. 10, 1874. He came to Wilton in April, 1857, and was superintendant of the town farm for several years. He m., March 19, 1857, Julia Cragin, who was b., Merrimack, May 25, 1835. She m., 2d. Jan. 1, 1880, Judson A. Hartshorn. Children:

2. Willis H., b. May 29, 1865.

3. Henry E., b. Sept. 11, 1867.

4. Arthur D., b. May 29, 1874; d. Sept. 15, 1875.

DUNBAR FAMILY.

1. Stephen Hamilton Dunbar, son of Stephen Dunbar, and grandson of Rev. Elijah Dunbar of Peterborough, was born Feb. 20, 1836. Mr. Dunbar came to Wilton soon after he became of age, and has been extensively engaged in meat marketing. He has become the owner of much valuable real estate, and in addition to his meat market he keeps a large herd of cows, the milk of which is sold to customers in the village. In 1886 he served as one of the board of selectmen. He m., May 21, 1874, Mary E., dau. of Nathan Richardson of Lyndeborough, who was b. Oct. 27, 1850. Mrs. Dunbar is one of the school board. Children:

2. Effie Elizabeth, b. April 12, 1875.

3. Charles Hamilton, b. Nov. 8, 1877.

DUTTON FAMILY.

1. Horace A. Dutton, b. Aug. 4, 1835, in Greenfield. He came from Francestown to Wilton April, 1884, and owns and occupies the farm at West Wilton, formerly owned by Dea. William Sheldon. He m., June 3, 1860, Eliza Ann, dau. of John and Anna (Kidder) Burton. See Burton gen. (**93**). Child:

2. Annie E., b., Antrim, Sept. 16, 1871.

EATON FAMILY.

1. Amos Eaton came to Wilton probably in 1792, and owned and res. on lot No. 6, sixth range. We have not found the name of his first wife. He m., 2d, Sally Peabody. Children:

2. Polly, b. March 12, 1793; m., Dec. 25, 1817, Willard Searles; d. Aug. 2, 1818.

3. Amos (**8**), b. Aug. 2, 1796.

4. Abel (**10**), first child by second wife, b. March 11, 1801.

5. Sally, b. Nov. 11, 1803; d. April 24, 1818.

6. Dorcas, b. March 20, 1807.

7. Fanny, b. Dec. 9, 1808; d. Aug. 17, 1834.

8. Amos (**3**), b. Aug. 2, 1796; d. April 24, 1867. He res. on the southeast part of lot No. 7, sixth range. He m., May 22, 1821, Charlotte Dale, who d. Sept. 13, 1876, aged 81 yrs. They had three sons and several daughters, but we have found the record of only one child:

9. Samuel (**15**), b. Oct. 26, 1833.

10. Abel (**4**), b. March 11, 1801; d. Nov. 2, 1877. He resided on the homestead until he was about sixty years old, when he sold it and removed to Greenville. He afterwards bought the place at Wilton Center, now owned by Mrs. Davis, where he res. until his death. He m., June 1, 1834, Eveline Fletcher, who d. Feb. 20, 1876, aged 66 yrs. Children:

11. Sarah Eliza, b. March 22, 1836; d. Aug. 31, 1863.

12. Harriet Eveline, b. June 14, 1842; d. Aug. 16, 1861.

13. George W., m., April 4, 1863, Marietta H. Burton, by whom he had three children, all deceased. See Burton gen. (**85**). He was a wheelwright, and in company with others carried on the business a few years in Peterborough. He returned to Wilton, where he d. Aug. 16, 1876.

14. Henry Clay.

15. Samuel (**9**), b. Oct. 26, 1833; m., June 5, 1855, Lydia A. Williams, who d. April 16, 1864; m., 2d, Sept. 28, 1867, Mary A. Colby. He has been employed by D. Whiting & Sons for several years as a teamster. Children:

16. Frederic Willis, b. Feb. 25, 1856; d. May 5, 1861.

17. Minnie Estella, b. Aug. 2, 1857; d. May 7, 1861.

18. Herbert Maurice, b. April 7, 1859; d. May 25, 1861.

19. Lizzie May, b. May 1, 1860; d. May 8, 1863.

20. Wilfred Samuel, b. April 30, 1861.

21. Anna Lillian, b. March 30, 1863; m., March 20, 1887, George Small of Amherst.

22. Almon Augustus, b. Sept. 14, 1869; d. Sept. 27, 1869.

23. Edward Edson, b. Sept. 14, 1871.

24. Elmer Everett, b. Oct. 28, 1875; d. Feb. 13, 1876.

EMERSON FAMILY.

1. William Emerson, b. Dec. 13, 1805. He learned the carpenter's trade of his father-in-law, at which business he worked many years. In 1837 he removed to Jaffrey, where he res. about three years; otherwise

his res. has been in Wilton. He was early a member of the Second Cong. Ch., of which he has been a liberal supporter. He has held the offices of justice of the peace, collector of taxes, town treasurer and selectman, and has served on important committees. He m., April 22, 1832, Eveline, b. May 31, 1811, dau. of Aaron Kimball and Polly (Shattuck) Putnam. Children:

2. Sumner B. (**10**), b. Feb. 25, 1834.

3. Charles A. (**19**), b. Feb. 6, 1837.

4. Mary, b. Jan. 26, 1841; d. May 8, 1845.

5. Martha, b. May 8, 1843; d. Sept. 7, 1855.

6. Henry L. (**24**), b. Feb. 6, 1845.

7. Willis K. (**26**), b. April 10, 1849.

8. Mary E., b. Aug. 13, 1851; m., Dec. 25, 1880, William W. Boynton. See Boynton gen. (**13**). They reside in Northampton, Mass.

9. Lenora C., b. July 12, 1855; m., Oct. 14, 1880, Levi W. Perkins. He res. in Custer Co., Dakota, where he has a farm and cattle ranch.

10. Sumner B. (**2**), b. Feb. 25, 1834. He became a manufacturer in Milford of furniture, of which extension tables were a leading article. Several years since, in company with his oldest son, he opened a warehouse in Milford for the sale of furniture. Subsequently they filled a store in Brattleborough, Vt., which was superintended by the young man. In Oct., 1887, he sold his place in Milford and removed to Brattleborough. He m. Martha Ann Bales, who was b. Oct. 2, 1838. See Bales gen. (**31**). Children:

11. Harry Leon, b., Brattleborough, Vt., June 18, 1859.

12. Berthia Louise, b. April 18, 1861; a teacher in Somerville, Mass.

13. Helen May, b. Sept. 16, 1864; a teacher in Milford.

14. Charles Sumner, b. April 2, 1866; in the store at Milford.

15. Kenneth Bales, b. Jan. 18, 1868; a student in Phillips Academy, Exeter.

16. Maud Lenora, b. May 20, 1870.

17. Edith Elsie, b. July 27, 1872.

18. Grace Martha, b. Aug. 16, 1874.

19. Charles A. (**3**), b. Feb. 6, 1837. He pursued the trade of a carpenter. In the civil war he enlisted as a soldier, and was mustered into the Eighth Regt., N. H. V., Dec. 20, 1861. The regiment went south in Gen. Butler's expedition, and remained there during the whole term of three years' enlistment. At the attack on Port Hudson, June 14, 1863, the 8th Regt. led the assault, and a part of the regiment entered the lines of the enemy, but, not being supported, were taken prisoners, and so remained until the fortress surrendered, July 9. Mr. Emerson was slightly wounded in the assault and was taken prisoner. In April, 1887, he sold his place in Wilton and removed to Southern California. He m., Sept. 27, 1866, Ellen Putnam, who d. April 7, 1875, aged 34 yrs. 5 mos.; m., 2d, Aug. 10, 1876, Ophelia Duncklee, who was b. Sept. 15, 1851. Children:

20. Mabelle Putnam, b. Jan. 23, 1868; grad. at the Nashua High School, June 24, 1887.

21. Abiel Livermore, d. in infancy.
22. Annie Loise, b. July 14, 1880.
23. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 15, 1885.
24. HENRY L. (**6**), b. Feb. 6, 1845. He is a carpenter and res. in Wilton. At the last call for troops by President Lincoln he enlisted, and while at Fort Independence, Boston Harbor, awaiting transportation, he was taken ill with measles, and when he had recovered, the surrender of Gen. Lee calling for no further use for troops, he was discharged before he had seen any actual service against the enemy. He m. Abbie Holt. Child:
25. Willie Henry, b. March 24, 1871.
26. WILLIS K. (**7**), b. April 10, 1849; m., Sept. 13, 1874, Martha J. Ware of Milford. He is an overseer in Hon. David Heald's furniture factory in Milford. Children:
27. Arthur W., b. Aug. 13, 1878.
28. Leon W., b. July 7, 1881.

FARRINGTON FAMILIES.

1. JOHN FARRINGTON came from Andover, Mass., to Wilton in 1785 or 1786. He was a blacksmith and carried on business where Albert Townsend now lives. He died Oct. 8, 1802, aged 48 yrs., and his family, not many years after his death, left Wilton. Children by Phebe, his wife:
2. Polly, b. Dec. 6, 1777.
3. John, b. Oct. 12, 1779.
4. Phebe Farnham, b. March 22, 1781.
5. Betsey Putnam, b. Jan. 20, 1783.
6. Sally, b. Jan. 8. 1785. The above children were born in Andover.
7. Jacob, b. Nov. 8, 1786.
8. Patty, b. July 14, 1788.
9. Sophia, b. Sept. 9, 1790.
10. Philander, b. July 19, 1792.
11. Benjamin, b. Sept. 20, 1793.
12. Debby, b. Aug. 10, 1795.
13. James, b. Sept. 1, 1797.

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1. PHINEAS FARRINGTON was for many years a resident of Wilton, where he was last taxed in 1805. Children:
2. Olive.
3. Betsey. The daughters were tailoresses.

FISKE FAMILY.

1. ABEL FISKE, b., Pepperell, Mass., May 28, 1752; d. April 21, 1802. For account of Rev. Abel Fiske's life see page 253. He m., 1st, Anna Spalding, who d. July 8, 1796, aged 41 yrs.; m., 2d, Sarah, youngest dau. of Col. Philip and Mrs. Hannah Putnam, who d. Nov. 26, 1838, aged 65 yrs. Children:

2. Abel (**7**), b. July 24, 1784.

3. Anna Spalding, b. April 17, 1786; m., April 26, 1808, David R. Clark. See Robert Clark gen. (**3**).

4. Achsah, b. Jan. 28, 1788; m., Dec. 20, 1810, Jacob Farrar.

5. Allethenia, b. June 30, 1792; d. Sept. 4, 1838; m. Joseph Parker, Jun.

6. Theophilus (**17**), b. Dec. 4, 1801.

7. ABEL (**2**), b. July 24, 1784; d. Sept. 25, 1877. About 1805 he removed to Weld, Me., where he lived until 1816, when he returned to Wilton and there spent the rest of his life. He taught school for many winters; his other business was house painting and paper hanging. He was one of the first deacons of the Second Cong. Society, and in the absence of a minister, often read a sermon, and with others conducted the usual exercises. He m., April 12, 1804, Abigail Dale, who d. Jan. 26, 1852. See John Dale gen. (**19**). Children:

8. Abel, b. Oct. 10, 1804; d., Acworth, Sept., 1873. For several years he was superintendent of the cloth room of one of the manufacturing corporations in Lowell. In Nov., 1843, he bought the farm on which his maternal ancestor, John Dale, had first settled. After occupying the farm about 20 years, he sold it and bought a farm in Acworth. He m. Sarah Brown.

9. Sarah Putnam, b., Weld, Me., May 12, 1806.

10. Ann Spalding, b., Weld, Me., March, 18, 1808.

11. John Dale, b., Weld, Me., Dec. 17, 1809; m. and lived for some time in Pepperell, Mass.; for many years past he has lived in Brookfield and has represented the town in the Legislature.

12. Achsah Farrar, b., Weld, Me., May 29, 1812.

13. Abba Dale, b., Weld, Me., Jan. 3, 1813; m., Oct. 11, 1836, Nathan R. Marden.

14. Harriet Newell, b., Wilton, May 4, 1817.

15. Allethenia Holt, b., Wilton, May 20, 1819.

16. Maria Antoinette, b., Wilton, Sept. 2, 1821.

17. THEOPHILUS (**6**), b., Wilton, Dec. 4, 1801; d., New York, 1867. When 20 years old, he became a Universalist, and then began to teach and preach the new doctrines. From the time of his leaving Wilton in 1822, he can never be said to have had any permanent home. He had charges of churches and edited papers in Charleston, S. C., in New York City, in Baltimore, Md., in Utica, N. Y., in Portsmouth, Va., and perhaps other places. In 1851 he went on an extended lecturing tour through Great Britain and Ireland. Just before his sudden death, he had completed and arranged several volumes in manuscript on theological and philosophical subjects, which were to have been published in England. He could toil terribly, having a will that death alone could conquer. In the funeral discourse that Rev. E. H. Chapin, D. D., preached over his lamented friend, he said; "If all the persons to whom he rendered practical assistance, as well as spiritual help, were gathered together there is not a building in New York that would hold them." Theophilus m., 1851, Susan, dau. of Judge Justin Dwinelle of Cazenovia, N. Y. They

had two children: Louise Fiske (Bryson), who has a dau., Lorraine Fiske (Bryson), b. 1875; and John Dwinelle Fiske, M. D., now res. in Baltimore, Md. He m., 1881, Rebecca Linthecum of Baltimore, and has two children: Marion Louise, b. 1883, and Herman Linthecum, b. 1884.

FLEEMAN FAMILY.

1. DAVID FLEEMAN, b. in Germany, emigrated to America when a young man, and settled in Leominster, Mass. He enlisted from that town in the army of the Revolution and never returned.

2. DAVID FLEEMAN, son of preceding, settled in Harvard, Mass., and had a family.

3. JOSIAH FLEEMAN, son of preceding, b., Harvard, Mass., July 13, 1813. Dr. Fleeman studied medicine with Dr. Eber Carpenter of Alstead, and grad., 1836, from the Medical School of Middlebury College, Vt. He began the practice of medicine in Marlow, July, 1836. He came to Wilton, May 23, 1851, and has been in successful practice here and in the neighboring towns. He was for several years a director of Souhegan Bank in Milford. He has been a trustee of the Wilton Savings Bank from its organization, and for some years was its president. He is a friend of good order, and of economical management in personal and public affairs. A few years since he visited Europe where he spent several months. After his return he gave several lectures descriptive of his observations during his journey. He was elected, Nov., 1886, representative to the State Legislature. He m. Candace, b., Marlborough, Aug. 3, 1821, dau. of Wilder and Lucinda Knight. Children:

5. Ella Francis, b., Marlborough, Nov. 23, 1851; d., Wilton, March 24, 1856.

6. Hattie E., b., Wilton, March 19, 1854; m., May 4, 1875, Frank B. Livesy, book-keeper, who res. Cambridge, Mass.

FLETCHER FAMILIES.

1. CHARLES FLETCHER settled on the west part of lot No. 13, ninth range. He served eight months at Winter Hill in the winter of 1775–6, and ten months at New York. He d. April 23, 1818, aged 69 yrs. His wife, Sarah, d. Feb. 20, 1840, aged 87 yrs. Children:

2. Sarah, b. Dec. 4, 1781.

3. Charles, b. Aug. 30, 1783.

4. Edward, b. Dec. 19, 1784.

5. Susanna, b. Sept. 11, 1786.

6. Sibyl, b. June 26, 1788.

7. Stephen, b. July 24, 1791; m., 1823, Betsey Farrar.

8. Noah, b. April 15, 1793; m., 1823, Betsey D. Holt.

9. Martha, b. 1795.

10. Benjamin, b. May 19, 1798; d. Nov. 18, 1884.

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1. OLIVER FLETCHER, owned and res. on the east part of lot No. 13, ninth range. He was a soldier in the army of the Revolution. He m.,

June 8, 1784, Sarah, dau. of John and Mary (Ellenwood) Dale. See Dale gen. (**10**). She d. Jan. 3, 1786, aged 27 yrs. He m., 2d, Molly ———. Children:

2. Oliver (**8**), b. April 22, 1785.

3. Polly, b. June 18, 1791; m., Oct. 27, 1812, Jacob Lovejoy.

4. John, b. May 23, 1793; d. Sept. 4, 1794.

5. Sarah, b. Oct. 30, 1794; m. Dea. David Putnam of Lyndeborough.

6. Hannah, b. March 21, 1797; m., March 11, 1819, Micah Hartshorn.

7. Charles, b. July 6, 1800. He has been connected many years with a publishing house in Boston.

8. Oliver, (**2**), b. April 22, 1785; m., Oct. 26, 1813, Chloe Gray. See Timothy Gray gen. (**27**). He d. March 31, 1816; his wife d. March 29, 1819, aged 29 yrs. Child:

9. Chloe, b. Nov. 15, 1814.

FLINT FAMILY.

1. Thomas Flint, d. April 15, 1663. According to tradition he came from Wales. He is first mentioned in town records of Salem, Mass., in 1650. He bought 200 acres; his farm has always been in possession of descendants. By his wife, Ann, he had four sons and two daughters. Descendants of the two sons, named below, have lived in Wilton:

2. Thomas (**4**), eldest son, b. about 1645.

3. George (**5**), second son, b. Jan. 6, 1652.

4. Thomas (**2**), d. May 2, 1721, aged about 76 yrs. A farmer and carpenter; served in King Philip's war and was wounded in the attack upon the Narragansetts, in 1675. He m., May 24, 1666, Hannah Moulton, who d. March 30, 1673; m., 2d, Sept. 15, 1674, Mary, dau. of William Dounton. 7 ch.

5. Ebenezer (**8**), third son, b. April 6, 1683.

6. George (**3**), b. Jan. 6, 1652; d. June 23, 1720. Removed to Reading, Mass., before 1682, and settled on land inherited from his father. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Putnam. She was b. Aug. 11, 1662; d. March 6, 1697. He m., 2d, March 2, 1699, Mrs. Susanna Gardner, who d. March, 1720. 10 ch.

7. Ebenezer (**10**), second son, b. Dec. 16, 1689.

8. Ebenezer (**5**), b. April 6, 1683; d. 1767. Res. North Reading, on land given him by his father, Jan. 28, 1718. He m. Gertrude Pope. 6 ch.

9. Nathan (**12**), third son, b. May 8, 1716.

10. Ebenezer (**7**), b. Dec. 16, 1689; d. Sept. 18, 1778. A farmer; lived in North Reading on a farm given him by his father from the north part of his farm. Ebenezer's farm remains, undiminished, in possession of his descendants. He m., May 18, 1714, Tabitha Burnap, who d. July 30, 1734. 6 ch.

11. Ebenezer (**14**), eldest son, b. Sept. 1, 1716.

12. Nathan (**9**), b. May 8, 1716. A farmer; removed to Amherst about 1774. He m. Lydia Hutchinson. 6 ch.

13. Nathan (**16**), eldest son, b., North Reading, May 4, 1748.

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14. EBENEZER (**11**), b. Sept. 1, 1716. A farmer; res. North Reading; served in the French and Indian war and was shot by an Indian in Township No. 4, now Charlestown. He m., May 25, 1738, Abigail, dau. of Henry and Sarah Sawyer. 5 ch.

15. Ebenezer (**29**), second son, b., North Reading, June 17, 1742.

16. NATHAN (**13**), b., North Reading, May 4, 1748. A farmer; res. Amherst; m., 1778, Phebe Smith. Children, of whom three have lived in Wilton:

17. Nathan, b. Jan. 19, 1780.

18. Simeon (**42**), b. May 16, 1782.

19. Ebenezer, b. Feb. 20, 1784.

20. Isaac, b. May 28, 1785; d. young.

21. Calvin, b. April 2, 1787; m. Rachel Wilkins.

22. Bathsheba, b. June 28, 1788; m. —— Richardson.

23. Polly.

24. Susanna, b. May 19, 1794.

25. Phebe, b. July 6, 1796.

26. Isaac, b. Sept. 3, 1798.

27. Betsey, b. June 25, 1800; m., March 28, 1837, Pyam Herrick.

28. Lucy, b. Sept. 29, 1802; m., Sept. 17, 1819, Asa Jones.

29. EBENEZER (**15**), b., North Reading, June 17, 1742; d., Wilton, April 29, 1829. He was one of the minute men of 1775. The courier, announcing the march of the British toward Concord, reached his place soon after he had begun to plough in the morning. He unyoked his oxen, left the yoke with the plough, got his gun and ammunition and hastened to Concord. He and his comrades came up with the enemy soon after they had commenced their retreat from Concord and pursued them until they passed into Boston. He bought and lived on the farm which had been cleared up by Alexander Milliken. He had an iron constitution; was of middle height, compactly built, quick and muscular; a man of much decision and very industrious. He used to say that, when he was a young man, if he could not get more, he would work for 1s. 6d. a day, or for 1s. or even for 9d. He m., June 7, 1764, Asenath Holt, who was b. March 31, 1744, and d. Dec. 8, 1786; m., 2d, Nov. 27, 1789, Mrs. Mary (Damon) Taylor, who was b. Oct. 11, 1753, and d. March 20, 1844. Children:

30. Ebenezer, b. May 13, 1765. A farmer; res. Hillsborough. He m., March 14, 1793, Dorcas Lufkin. 11 ch.

31. Daniel, b. March 27, 1767. A farmer; res. Hillsborough. He m., June 28, 1795, Lydia Shattuck. 5 ch.

32. Asenath, b. March 4, 1769; m., June 21, 1792, Edward Pratt. Res. Temple.

33. Nabby, b. June 30, 1771; m., Jan. 29, 1795, Abner Holt. Res. Albany, Me. 1 ch.

34. Ephraim, b. Sept. 4, 1773. A farmer; res. Albany, Me. He m. Eleanor Holt; 8 ch.

35. John, b. April 4, 1776; d. Sept. 4, 1778.

36. Amos, b. April 16, 1778. A farmer; res., Francestown. He m., Feb. 3, 1803, Abigail Morse; 5 ch.

37. John (**49**), b. Feb. 23, 1780.

38. Phebe, b. May 4, 1782; d. Aug 30, 1797.

39. Samuel, b. May 2, 1791; d. June 4, 1828; unm. Grad. at Middleburg College.

40. Lucinda, b. May 2, 1791; d. May 20, 1846; unm.

41. Abner, b. Oct. 20, 1796. Grad. Dartmouth College, 1821. In 1822 he was engaged as a teacher in Albany, N. Y., where he was successful, especially in teaching mathematics, in which he excelled. After he had been absent from Wilton about two years, his friends heard nothing from him until he returned in 1832, with his mind so broken down that he was unable to solve a problem, unless of the simplest kind. He was for a time at the asylum at Concord, and died at the county farm at Goffstown.

42. Simeon (**18**), b. May 16, 1782. A carpenter; res. Mont Vernon. He m. Sarah Kendall. Children;

43. Simeon Kendall (**55**), b. Feb. 1, 1805.

44. Nathan (**57**), b. Oct. 8, 1806.

45. Grisey, b. Aug. 17, 1808; unm.

46. Jacob, b. Dec. 8, 1810.

47. Eliza, b. Feb. 18, 1813; d. Dec., 1814.

48. Daniel K., b. May 15, 1815.

49. John (**37**), b. Feb. 23, 1780; d. May 30, 1847. He came to Wilton with his father in 1802 and lived there the rest of his life. A farmer, industrious and honorable in all his dealings. He held offices in the militia to the rank of captain; was chosen, June 29, 1826, deacon of the Cong. Ch. and served until his death. He m., Feb. 13, 1803, Sarah, dau. of Levi and Sarah (Parker) Flint. She was b. Nov. 25, 1783; d. Oct. 6, 1863. Children:

50. Sarah, b. April 5, 1804; d. Oct. 11, 1836; m., June 26, 1828, Rev. Warren Burton. See Burton gen. (**98**).

51. John, b. June 30, 1805; d. Dec. 25, 1831; unm.

52. Abiel (**66**), b. Jan. 22, 1809.

53. Eleanor, b. April 23, 1812; d. April 2, 1836.

54. Abigail H., b. June 3, 1816; d. Dec. 7, 1834.

55. Simeon Kendall (**43**), b. Feb. 1, 1805; d. Nov. 23, 1879. He was a stone-cutter for many years at Quincy, Mass; in 1867 removed to Tyngsborough, Mass., and returned to Wilton in 1875. He m., April, 1836, Martha H. Green; m., 2d, March 23, 1852, Lucy W. Freeman. Child:

56. John Q., b. May 4, 1835. A carriage-maker, came to Wilton, Aug., 1869. He m., April 3, 1868, Ruth Bearce; n. ch.

57. Nathan (**44**), b. Oct. 6, 1806; d. Dec. 10, 1882. A shoe-maker; has lived in different places, but more in Wilton than elsewhere; postmaster at Wilton eight years. He m., Sept. 22, 1832, Dorothy S. Glidden, who was b., Gilmanton, Nov. 22, 1808, and d. Oct. 12, 1862; m., 2d., Mrs. Julia Sumner. Children:

58. Ellen, b. April 17, 1835; m., June 1, 1856, John H. Frye. See Frye gen. (**61**).

59. Emeline, b. March 27, 1836; m. ——— Jackson, by whom she had two children. He was a volunteer and died in a Rebel prison. She m., 2d, George Battis.

60. Charles Henry, b. April 8, 1837; m. a Miss Snow. A merchant; res. Bridgeport, Conn.

61. Albert Smith, b. Jan. 20, 1839; d. April 15, 1840.

62. Albert Smith, b. Oct. 27, 1840; enlisted in Co. D, Fourth Regt., N. H. V., and d. of disease Aug. 8, 1863.

63. Sarah Lavinda, b. Dec. 23, 1842; m., Oct. 20, 1871, Francis Hayden; d. Nov. 26, 1884.

64. Nathan Elmore, b. Dec. 21, 1846; res. California.

65. Clara Eliza, b. March 27, 1848; m.; res. California.

66. ABIEL (**52**), b. Jan. 22, 1809. A farmer, and lived on the homestead which he sold soon after the death of his mother. He m., Sept. 26, 1836, Hannah C. Shattuck. who was b., Pembroke, April 2, 1810, and d. April 16, 1879. Children:

67. John R., b. April 23, 1838; unm; works in a factory.

68. Charles S., b. Nov. 9, 1841; d. Feb. 4, 1860.

69. Albion B., b. Aug. 2, 1844; d. Jan. 28, 1888. A carpenter. He m., June 11, 1876, Mary Susan Gray; n. ch.

70. Arthur W., b. June 16, 1849; d. May 10, 1855.

FOSTER FAMILY.

1. BENJAMIN TENNEY FOSTER, b., Temple, July 8, 1813; d. 1868. He was son of Joshua, a Revolutionary soldier, and Lucy (Tenney) Foster; grandson of Joshua Foster, architect of the first meeting-house erected in Temple, and one of those injured at the raising of the Wilton meeting-house in 1773; descendant of Reginald Foster, who settled in Ipswich, Mass., 1638. When he was ten years old, his father died leaving six children, the eldest sixteen years old, to make their way in the world. In 1831, at the age of seventeen years, he went to Hancock to serve three years at seventy-five dollars a year, clothing himself, to learn the tanners' trade. In Feb., 1836, he came to Wilton, bought the tanyard of Marden and Mills and carried on the business with success until his death. He was interested in public education and was one of the foremost in securing ample grounds for the school-house of his district; was an active member and a liberal supporter of the Second Cong. Ch. He m., Jan. 4, 1838, Abigail, b., Temple, June 11, 1815, dau. of William and Mary (Hawkins) Howard. Children:

2. Addison Howard (**10**), b. Nov. 13, 1838.

3. Lucius, b. Aug. 8, 1842; drowned June 17, 1844.

4. Walter, b. April 13, 1844; d. Sept 12, 1845.

5. Waldo (**14**), b. May 1, 1846.

6. Abby Hawkins, b. March 11, 1848; m., 1880, Albert A. Abbott.

7. Myron P., b. Sept. 9, 1850; d. May 20, 1873.

8. Hartley N., b. April 8, 1853; d. April 18, 1873.

9. Milo R., b. Nov. 10, 1857; d. Feb. 28, 1879.

10. ADDISON HOWARD (**2**), b. Nov. 13, 1838. For account of his life see page 268. He m., Sept. 18, 1871, Susan M. Houghton of New Ipswich. Children:

11. Fred Houghton, b. June 26, 1867.

12. Winslow Howard, b. Jan. 10, 1871.

13. Charles Stedman, b. Aug. 24, 1874.

14. WALDO (**4**), b. May 1, 1846. A farmer; lived on the homestead until 1886, when he went out west. He m., Sept. 11, 1872, Fanny J. Holmes, who was b. Londonderry, March 23, 1844. Children:

15. Leon H., b. Sept. 7, 1873.

16. Dana P., b. Dec. 1, 1875.

17. Frank W., b. March 26, 1879.

FOWLER FAMILY.

1. GEORGE S. FOWLER, b., Sutton, May 20, 1820. Mr. Fowler came from Henniker in Aug., 1853, and has res. in Wilton ever since. For several years he ran the mills built by Burleigh French, and since that time has been engaged in farming. He was elected a selectman in 1873, '74, and '75. He has been for several years deacon of the Baptist Church. He m., March 29, 1849, Maria Hildreth, who was b., Henniker, June 12, 1821, and d. July 30, 1879. He m., 2d, July 14, 1880, Katie A. Moore. Child:

2. Harriet E., b. March 8, 1850; m., Sept. 20, 1871, William C. Jones of Wilton; n. ch.

FRENCH FAMILY.

1. JAMES FRENCH purchased the mill on the Souhegan river, that then stood near the house now owned by J. & C. Hesselton. He was first taxed in Wilton in 1798. He had res. in Rockingham, Vt., Ashby, Mass., Hollis, Brookline, and Jaffrey, from which last town he came to Wilton. He was in the army of the Revolution, and probably at that time his family were living in Rockingham. Two of his grandsons, now eighty years of age, say that their grandmother used to tell of cutting their wheat and putting it in the barn, while her husband was in the army. James French d. Sept. 20, 1817, aged 79. Sarah his wife, d. June 5, 1835, aged 94. They had two sons and five or six daughters. We have not obtained the record of their birth; we give the names of three:

2. James, it is said, was somewhat advanced in age before he married. He settled in Hancock, and was a farmer and basket-maker.

3. Burleigh (**5**), b. Nov. 20, 1778.

4. Olive, b. 1783; d. June 5, 1835.

5. BURLEIGH (**3**), b. Nov. 20, 1778; d. July 12, 1832. He came to Wilton with his father, and lived here the rest of his life. He was a miller and farmer. Owing to the frequency of his dam being carried off by freshets, he built, about 1812, a low dam, near where the upper part of the pond flowed, that turned enough of the water around the north side of the island to carry the mill; and also built the canal from the old saw-mill site down across the flat to the new mill which he built, and which has been lately burned. That arrangement continued until after Mr. French's death, when the property passed to other owners who once more rebuilt the dam on the old site, but it has often been carried off. When the last one was thus destroyed, the old plan was resumed of

taking the water round the north side of the island. Mr. French was one of the first five male members of the Second Cong. Society, and was one of the first deacons of the church. He m., Nov. 1, 1804, Tamar Sheldon, who d. Dec. 14, 1862, aged 80 yrs. Children:

6. Burleigh (**16**), b. Nov. 12, 1805.

7. Tamar, b. June 16, 1807; m. Seaver Douglas. They lived a short time in Conn., but, many years ago, removed to Michigan.

8. Samuel (**26**), b. June 2, 1809.

9. Franklin, b. June 21, 1811; m., Nov. 17, 1836, Lydia I. J. Draper. A few years after his marriage he settled in Michigan. He is a miller.

10. Willard (**35**), b. Jan. 30, 1813.

11. Sally, b. April 13, 1815; deceased.

12. Evelina, b. Aug. 12, 1817; d. July 5, 1822.

13. Cynthia, b. Aug. 8, 1819; deceased.

14. Evelina, b. July 18, 1826; d. Sept. 28, 1830.

15. Ann Jane, b. June 3, 1830; d. May 30, 1831.

16. BURLEIGH (**6**), b. Nov. 12, 1805. After he became of age, he worked at Amherst in the whip factory of Melendy & David. He lived several years at Jaffrey and Pepperell. About forty years ago he returned to Wilton, where he has since resided. He m., Nov. 12, 1829, Nancy Heywood, who was b. July 5, 1809; m., 2d, May 29, 1838, Eliza Pettengill, who was b. Sept. 29, 1818. Children:

17. Ansel (**39**), b. Oct. 17, 1830.

18. Edwin (**43**), b. Nov. 10, 1831.

19. Francis B. (**45**), b. June 21, 1833.

20. Nancy M., b. Oct. 10, 1835; d. April 7, 1838.

21. William N. (**49**), b. April 29, 1839.

22. Eliza J., b. Oct. 27, 1841; d. Feb. 6, 1858.

23. Charles E., b. Oct. 12, 1844. He enlisted in the Sixteenth Regt., N. H. V., in 1862. He d. July 10, 1864, of malarial fever, contracted while in the army.

24. Samuel A., b. Feb. 9, 1848.

25. Albert S. (**52**).

26. SAMUEL (**8**), b. June 2, 1809; d. Nov. 26, 1878. After his father's death he occupied for a few years the homestead and mills left by his father. About 1844 he purchased of the heirs of Ephraim Brown the farm, which he carried on successfully until failing health obliged him to quit labor. He served as selectman, overseer of the poor, and several years on the bridge committee. He m., Nov. 28, 1833, Elvira, dau. of Joseph and Chloe (Abbot) Gray, who d. April 3, 1881, aged 72 yrs., 3 mos. See Gray gen. (**36**). Children:

27. Elvira Jane, b. Dec. 2, 1834; m., Sept. 29, 1861, Samuel N. Hartshorn of Lyndeborough, a mechanic and miller.

28. Samuel Newman, b. Nov. 28, 1837; m., Oct. 24, 1867, Clara Bonney. He res. in Bridgeville, Mich., and is a farmer.

29. Chloe Ann, b. June 16, 1841; m., Dec. 14, 1865, J. Newton Carver, a mechanic, who res. in Cairo, Ill.

30. Matilda G., b. Oct. 16, 1843; d. Nov. 4, 1844.

31. Brooks, b. Nov. 1, 1845; m., Sept. 21, 1874, Roberta Kent. He res. in Fort Wayne, Ind., and is a mechanic.

32. Sarah Matilda, b. Oct. 5, 1847; m., Sept. 5, 1871, George W. Smith, an upholsterer, who res. Cambridge, Mass.

33. Mary Ella, b. Aug. 29, 1849; m., June 30, 1878, Harry Hendricks, a carpenter, who res. in South Bend, Ind.

34. Edgar Abbot, b. July 4, 1851; a mechanic and lives in Fort Wayne, Ind.; m., Sept. 7, 1879, Helen C. Ray.

35. WILLARD (**10**), b. Jan. 30, 1813; m., 1st, Nov. 2, 1836, Clarissa Lovejoy, who d. Dec. 27, 1853, aged 35 yrs; m., 2d, Almira Holt. He res. in Wilton, Michigan, and Milford, where he d. Nov. 14, 1882. Children:

36. George Erwin, b. April 21, 1838; d. June 21, 1882.

37. Edwin Dwight, b. Aug. 11, 1839.

38. Laura Lydia, b. March 10, 1846; d. Aug. 25, 1846.

39. ANSEL (**17**), b. Oct. 17, 1830; m. Anna E. Carson, who was b. Jan. 26, 1826 and d. June 24, 1857; m., 2d, Sept. 4, 1853, Abbie L. Holmes, who was b. Sept. 4, 1833; m., 3d, Mary E. Russell, who was b. Dec. 26, 1844. Children:

40. Willie A., b, May 2, 1854; d. Feb. 23, 1869.

41. Fred James, b. June 18, 1857; d. Sept. 16, 1857.

42. Lottie A., b. Dec. 6, 1865; d. May 15, 1885.

43. EDWIN (**18**), b. Nov. 10, 1831; m. Ann French. He was a manufacturer of furniture. He d. June 8, 1868. His wife also is not living. Child:

44. Lizzie E., b. Oct. 11, 1862; deceased.

45. FRANCIS B. (**19**), b. June 21, 1833; m., June, 1863, Frances C. Howard, who was b., Milford, April 18, 1837. He is in company with Henry W. Hopkins in the manufacture of writing desks and fancy boxes. Children:

46. Abbie M., b. March, 1865.

47. Edwin A., b. April, 1869.

48. Annie H., b. March, 1874; d. Nov., 1879.

49. WILLIAM N. (**21**), b. April 29, 1839. He enlisted from Alexandria in the Twelfth N. H. Vol. and was severely wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. He d. Dec. 26, 1874. He m., March 27, 1862, Henrietta Carkin, who d. Feb. 3, 1877, aged 35. Children:

50. Cora E., b. Feb. 21, 1863; deceased.

51. Herbert E., b. Oct. 21, 1866; deceased.

52. ALBERT S. (**25**), m., June 6, 1871, Clara Maria Parkhurst. He has worked for several years in D. Cragin's factory of dry measures and fancy boxes. Children:

53. Maud L., b. Jan. 12, 1872.

54. Bertha, b. May 18, 1875.

55. Marion, b. Aug. 3, 1876.

56. Edith, b. July 4, 1879.

57. Stella, b. April 23, 1882.

FRYE FAMILY.

1. JOHN FRYE, d., Andover, Mass., 1693, aged 92 yrs., 7 mos. He emigrated from Basing, Hants, England; sailed from Southampton, for New England, May, 1638; settled early at Newbury; removed to Andover, 1645.

2. ROBERT, son of preceding, d., Andover, Oct. 22, 1680. He had by his wife, Ann, six children, of whom the two named below have descendants living in Wilton:

3. Samuel (**5**), b. about 1650.

4. Elizabeth, m., Oct. 4, 1660, Robert Stiles. See Stiles gen.

5. SAMUEL (**3**), b., Andover, about 1650; m., Nov. 20, 1671, Mary, dau. of John Aslett, or Aslebee. 10 ch.

6. JOHN, son of preceding, b. Sept. 6, 1672; m., Nov. 1, 1694, Tabitha, dau. of Thomas Farnum. 13 ch., two of whom we name:

7. Abiel (**9**), b. 1703.

8. Joseph, b. April, 1711. He was at the siege of Louisburg. Hon. William P. Frye of Maine writes: "Gen. Joseph Frye was my great-grandfather. I have the terms of the surrender of Louisburg in his handwriting." He was a colonel at Fort William Henry when it was taken by Montcalm in 1757. He was appointed a major-general by the Provincial Congress, June 21, 1775. He removed to Fryeburgh, Me., which was named for him.

9. ABIEL (**7**), b. 1703; m., Feb. 10, 1731–2, Abigail Emery. Children:

10. Abigail, b., Andover, Mass., Feb. 19, 1733.

11. Abiel, b., Andover, Nov. 8, 1734. The following is taken from a memorandum book left by Major Isaac Frye: "Brother Abiel came to my house in Wilton and went away on the 15th day for Fryeburgh to see Brother Simon Frye and Uncle Joseph and their families. Poor, unfortunate man! he has gone through a world of trouble and sickness, but God has hitherto preserved him and still keeps him and prospers him in a lawful way."

12. Simon, b. Sept. 29, 1737; d. Oct., 1822. He was a member of the House of Representatives, Senate or Council for nearly twenty years; was justice of court of common pleas in York Co., and chief justice of the same court in Oxford Co., Me.

13. Abigail, b. Nov. 6, 1740.

14. Sarah.

15. Isaac (**16**), b. Feb. 6, 1743.

16. ISAAC (**15**), b. Feb. 6, 1743. He came from Andover to Wilton in 1770 or 1771 and bought a farm previously occupied by Benjamin Thompson and now owned by Harvey F. Frye. Within fifteen days after the Battle of Lexington, he and thirty-two others from Wilton were enrolled in Col. Reed's regt.; they fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. See page 88. For further account of his military services see page 106. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Capt. Timothy Holt. Children:

17. Isaac (**27**), b., Andover, Mass., Sept. 16, 1769.

18. Abiel, b. July 4, 1771; unm. He held offices in the militia to the

rank of captain. He left Wilton about 1820, and died a few years later.

19. Timothy, b. Sept. 21, 1773; d. March 17, 1776.

20. John, b. Aug. 23, 1775; settled in Pennsylvania.

21. Timothy Holt (**33**), b. Oct. 27, 1777.

22. Joshua (**39**), b. Dec. 21, 1779.

23. Betsey, b. Dec. 21, 1781; unm.

24. Hannah, b. May 30, 1785; d. Oct. 31, 1863; m., Oct. 26, 1813, Benjamin Blanchard. See Blanchard gen. (**53**).

25. Alfred, b. Feb. 18, 1787; married twice and had children, of whom we have no record.

26. Sally, b. Sept. 20, 1791; unm.

27. ISAAC (**17**), b. Andover, Mass., Sept. 16, 1769; in the War of 1812, he enlisted and d., Plattsburg, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1812. He m., June 17, 1794, Hannah Phelps, and a few years later removed to Manchester, Vt. Children:

28. Isaac, b., Wilton; d., Milford, June 25, 1883, aged 83 yrs. A farmer and house-painter. He m. a Miss Gage and had one daughter.

29. Luther, b., Manchester, Vt.; m. a Miss Peabody of Andover, Vt. Res. Vermont.

30. Hannah, m., June 1, 1825, Hermon Pettengill.

31. John (**43**), b. April 19, 1806.

32. Joseph, d. many years ago.

33. TIMOTHY HOLT (**21**), b. Oct. 27, 1777; removed to Weld, Me., and d. there Jan. 27, 1830; m., Jan. 8, 1809, Rachel Holt. Children:

34. Timothy Holt, b. Oct. 19, 1809; m. Lucy Stearns; res. Weld, Me.

35. Jacob, b. Aug. 19, 1811; m. Pauline Pettigrove; res. Patten, Me.

36. Abiah, b. July 25, 1813; m. James Cunningham; res. Crystal Plantation, N. Y.

37. Rachel, b. April 25, 1816; d. Oct. 10, 1839; unm.

38. Jerome, b. Oct. 19, 1819; m. Nancy Jameson; res. Patten, Me.

39. JOSHUA (**22**), b. Dec. 21, 1779; d. June 20, 1864. He m. and res. in Brookline, Vt. In 1816, or 1817, after the death of his wife, he returned to Wilton and lived on the homestead. He m., 2d, Lucy Jones of Wilton. Children:

40. Abiel (**46**), b., Brookline, Vt., June 18, 1810.

41. Betsey, m., Oct., 1840, Joseph Holt; n. ch.

42. Harvey F. (**53**).

43. JOHN (**31**), b. April 19, 1806; d. Dec. 5, 1882. A farmer and was superintendent of the county farm at Goffstown for over five years. He m., March 31, 1831, Cynthia Phelps. Children:

44. John Henry (**61**), b. March 8, 1836.

45. Elvira, b. Feb. 29, 1840; d. Dec. 27, 1844.

46. ABIEL (**40**), b., Brookline, Vt., June 18, 1810; d. June 21, 1886. Before his marriage he was engaged in teaming starch for the Messrs. Abbot and goods for the stores. After the railroad was opened to Greenfield he had the contract for carrying the mail between East and West Wilton. He m., Feb. 6, 1834, a Miss Tupper, who was b., Barnard, Vt., Nov. 22, 1815. Children:

47. Harvey T. H. (**64**), b., Barnard, Vt., Nov. 1, 1834.

48. Russell J., b., Barnard, Vt., Aug. 28, 1836; d. March 9, 1838.

49. Russell J. (**71**), b., Barnard, Vt., June 3, 1838.

50. Charles, b., Barnard, Vt., June 28, 1840; d. Feb. 4, 1857.

51. Elbridge Carlton, b., Barnard, Vt., Sept. 29, 1843; enlisted in Sixteenth Regt., N. H. V., and d., St. James Hospital, La., July 16, 1863.

52. Edwin Francis, b., Wilton, Nov. 23, 1854; m., July 15, 1877, Ida M. Stiles; res. Greenville.

53. Harvey F. (**42**). For many years before the railroad was opened to East Wilton he was engaged in teaming goods for the stores; since then, a farmer. He m. Lovisa A. Tupper, who d. Aug. 30, 1848, aged 25 yrs.; m., 2d, Sept. 24, 1850, Jane E. Drury. Children:

54. Joshua F., b. Aug. 12, 1851. He and his brother, Harvey W., bought a farm of David Cram and have been engaged in farming and lumbering. For two years supervisor of check-list.

55. Elson D. (**75**), b. June 29, 1853.

56. Lois Lovisa, b. Feb. 5, 1856.

57. Harvey W., b. Sept. 4, 1858.

58. Charles E., b. June 9, 1861.

59. George E., b. April 5, 1864.

60. Martha J., b. Jan. 17, 1868.

61. John Henry (**44**), b. March 8, 1836; res. East Wilton; engaged in job teaming; m., June 1, 1856, Ellen M. Flint. See Flint gen. (**58**). Children:

62. Annie, b. Nov. 4, 1858; m., July 12, 1882, Henry S. Spinning; res. Savannah, Ga. They have one son, Charles Frye (Spinning), b. May 16, 1884.

63. Henry, b. May 29, 1870; d. June 2, 1870.

64. Harvey T. H. (**47**), b. Nov. 1, 1834. He served during the war in a western regt., but was credited to Wilton. He m., Oct. 25, 1870, Abbie Folsom of New Sharon, Me. Children:

65. Nellie L., b. Nov. 19, 1872.

66. Caroline, b. Feb. 7, 1875.

67. Mary G., b. Jan. 15, 1877.

68. Charles P., b. June 11, 1879.

69. Mabel E., b. April 12, 1881; d. Sept. 22, 1881.

70. Erland H., b. Aug. 10, 1883.

71. Russell J. (**49**), b., Barnard, Vt., June 3, 1838. An auctioneer and has had for some time a store at West Wilton. He. m., Sept. 3, 1871, Mrs. Emma F. Gordon of New Sharon, Me. Children:

72. Cosette Kurilla, b., New Sharon, Me., Sept. 21, 1873.

73. Orville, b., Wilton, Sept. 4, 1875.

74. Byron S., b. Feb. 10, 1878.

75. Elson D. (**55**), b. June 29, 1853; a carpenter; m., Oct. 26, 1881, Etta L. Parker of Milford, who was b. April 24, 1863. Children:

76. George Harvey, b. Dec. 31, 1882.

77. Mabel E., b. Dec. 31, 1886.

FULLER FAMILY.

1. AMOS FULLER was in Wilton at the time of its incorporation. He settled on lot No. 18, seventh range, which is now principally owned by Joseph W. Stiles. We have found no record of his family, but he is supposed to be the father of Amos Fuller of Temple, of Enoch and probably of Aaron Fuller of Wilton. Children:

2. Amos.

3. Enoch (**5**).

4. Aaron (**14**).

5. ENOCH (**3**). Children by his wife, Sarah:

6. Amos, b. April 27, 1780.

7. Sally, b. Nov. 5, 1781; m. Peter Putnam of Andover, Vt.

8. Benjamin, b. Sept. 1, 1783; m., Oct. 11, 1804, Naomi, dau. of Dea. John Burton, and res. in Andover, Vt.

9. Daniel, b. Sept. 20, 1785; d., Wilton, Oct. 3, 1858. He removed to Andover, Vt., where he lived about thirty years, then returned to Wilton. He m., 1810, Betsey Burnham, who d. Oct. 4, 1847, aged 56 yrs.

10. James, b. June 26, 1787.

11. Frederic, b. March 15, 1790.

12. Mary Putnam, b. July 5, 1794.

13. Enoch, b. Aug. 5, 1796.

14. AARON (**4**). Children by his wife, Betsey:

15. Amos, b. July 6, 1803.

16. Aaron, b. July 26, 1805.

GAGE FAMILIES.

The Gage family found its way into England from Normandy in A. D. 1066. One de Gaga, de Gauga or de Gage accompanied William the Conqueror into England and aided in the conquest of the country and was afterwards rewarded with large grants of land. The family was prominent, and there were barons in parliament bearing the name of Gage during the reign of Henry II.

1. JOHN GAGE came from Suffolk, England, and landed at Salem, Mass., June 12, 1630. He at once proceeded to Boston, where he remained a short time, and was a member of the first church there. In 1633 he was one of the original proprietors of Ipswich, Mass. In 1664 he removed to Rowley, where he died, 1673. He had two, and according to one authority, three wives.

2. DANIEL, second child of preceding, m., May 3, 1675, Sarah Kimball. He res. in Bradford, Mass.

3. DANIEL, son of preceding, m., March 9, 1698, Martha Burbank, and res. in Bradford.

4. DANIEL, sixth child of preceding, b. April 12, 1708, removed from Bradford to Pelham.

5. PIERCE, son of preceding, d. July 14, 1821, aged 80 yrs. His name was on the muster roll, dated Sept. 26, 1776, of Capt. David Runnel's co.,

Col. Tash's regt., raised to serve in New York. His grandson, Sidney R. Gage, Esq., of Nashua, writes: "When a boy at home I used to shoot game with an old musket that I was told my grandfather had picked up beside a dead Briton on some battlefield of the Revolution." Pierce removed from Pelham to Wilton in 1789. His wife, Susanna, d. May 3, 1831, aged 90. Children:

6. Joseph, taxed in Wilton in 1795 and 1796.

7. Moses, taxed in Wilton in 1802.

8. Richard (**11**), b. 1784.

9. Judith, m. Jesse Hall.

10. Eunice, m., Feb., 1810, Ezekiel Lovejoy.

11. RICHARD (**8**), b. 1784. A farmer, and res. on the farm that his father bought when he came to Wilton. He was an early member of the Baptist Society. He m., March 16, 1809, Betsey, dau. of Samuel Hutchinson. Children:

12. David (**21**), b. Dec. 26, 1809.

13. Samuel (**30**), b. Sept. 6, 1811.

14. Pierce (**35**), b. Sept. 4, 1813.

15. Isaac N. (**43**), b. June 12, 1815.

16. Mary (**47**), b. June 1, 1817.

17. Elvira (**54**), b. July 11, 1819.

18. Charles (**60**), b. July 16, 1821.

19. George W. (**63**), b. Sept. 7, 1823.

20. Sidney R. (**66**), b. Oct. 14, 1826.

21. DAVID (**12**), b. Dec. 26, 1809; m., July 30, 1835, Sarah J. Russell. He is a Baptist minister. A sketch of his life by himself is given on page 287. Children:

22. Freeman D., b. June 28, 1836; m. Jennie Watson of South Boston. He has been engaged in the grocery business, and res. in Nashua.

23. Thaddeus G., b. Dec. 18, 1837.

24. Isaac N., b. Sept. 28, 1839; a marble worker.

25. Sidney B., b. Jan. 1, 1843; a machinist; m. Flora E. Thomas of Rockland, Me.

26. Julian P., b. Oct. 7, 1846; a grocer; m. Alice A. Hill of Biddeford, Me.

27. George E., b. Oct. 9, 1849; a bank teller, and now a bank commissioner; m. Mattie A. Connor of Manchester.

28. Loren S., b. Oct. 7, 1851.

29. Herbert E., b. May 18, 1856; a grocer, res. in Nashua; m. Alma J. Westcott of Nashua.

30. SAMUEL (**13**), b. Sept. 6, 1811; d. April 21, 1851. He m., 1836, Eliza A. Jones of Washington, where they resided. His wife d. Dec. 25, 1869. Children:

31. Albert N., b. May 7, 1837; m., July, 1868, Elva Davis of Warner, and has had several children.

32. Charles C., b. Feb. 16, 1839; d., Boston, Feb. 24, 1881; unm. He had been clerk at the Twin Mt. House; also clerk in the Surgeon General's office, Washington, D. C.

33. Hiram J., b. Aug. 30, 1844; m., June 1, 1867, Mina S. Kidder; a merchant and a prominent citizen in Washington, N. H., holding many offices, including that of representative to the Legislature.

34. Roger S., b. Feb. 19, 1851; m., Aug. 24, 1870, Jennie A. Neaskem of Clayville, N. Y.; res. several years in Clayville and Ilion, N. Y., and now in Warner.

35. PIERCE (**14**), b. Sept. 4. 1813; m., June 15, 1837, Mary, dau. of David and Rachel Lovejoy; m., 2d, Nov. 27, 1845, Mrs. Nancy D. (Winn), dau. of Edward and Nancy B. Herrick; has always res. in Wilton on the homestead of his grandfather and father; has been a selectman. Children:

36. Albert P., b. May 9, 1838. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, and was killed, June 3, 1864, in the battle at Bethesda Church, Va.

37. James A., b. June 7, 1841; d. Oct. 20, 1841.

38. Mary L., b. July 17, 1844; d. Sept. 14, 1844.

39. Orrieta F., b. Jan. 1, 1847; m., June 28, 1870, Lewis A. Holt. Res. in Texas.

40. Josephine H., b. March 14, 1850.

41. Arthur Herbert (**69**), b. June 5, 1852.

42. Elijah J., b. May 31, 1859.

43. ISAAC N. (**15**), b. June 12, 1815; d. May 1, 1885. He res. in Washington, a farmer; represented the town in the State Legislature in 1864, and 1865. He m., Dec. 26, 1837, Lucy H. Fisk of Washington, who d. Feb. 19, 1868. Children:

44. Elizabeth F., b. March 19, 1839; d. Nov. 18, 1870. She m., Dec. 1, 1863, Brooks K. Webber, Esq., now of Hillsborough.

45. Lucy A., b. Feb. 14, 1841; m., April 20, 1867, Galen Allen, M. D., now of Red Wing, Minn.

46. George N. (**72**), b. Nov. 27, 1851.

47. MARY (**16**), b. June 1, 1817; m., April 18, 1843, Mason H. Carr of Washington, where they have since res. Children:

48. Mary Frances (Carr), b. Aug. 15, 1844.

49. Lawrence M. (Carr), b. Sept. 8, 1847.

50. Dwight E. (Carr), b. May 21, 1850.

51. Bettie M. (Carr) b. June 8, 1853; d. in childhood.

52. Asa L. (Carr), b. April 11, 1858; d. in childhood.

53. Helen A. (Carr), b. Dec. 18, 1861; d. in childhood.

54. ELVIRA (**17**), b. July 11, 1819; m., June 7, 1843, Nathaniel G. Jones of Washington, where they res. Children:

55. Ellen E. (Jones), b. Nov. 14, 1844.

56. George S. (Jones), b. Feb. 28, 1847.

57. Kate A. (Jones), b. April 21, 1851; d. when 16 or 17.

58. Alice E. (Jones), b. May 6, 1861.

59. Fred E. (Jones), b. Dec. 13, 1863.

60. CHARLES (**18**), b. July 16, 1821; d. June 24, 1856; m., Aug. 13, 1843, Sarah A. Lynd of Melrose, Mass. They res. a short time in Washington, and then went to Melrose. Children:

61. Charles E., b. Oct. 26, 1844; unm.; res. in Melrose.

62. Sarah Frances, b., Melrose, Oct. 23, 1850; m., June 5, 1875, Jabez S. Dyer; res. in Melrose.

63. GEORGE W. (**19**), b. Sept. 7, 1823; has res. in Wilton and Washington principally, but now in Medford, Mass.; m., Sept. 16, 1845, Nancy E. Crane of Washington. Children:

64. Josephine M., b., Wilton, Oct. 28, 1850; m., Feb. 1, 1872, Stillman S. Eaton, who d. Sept. 20, 1878. She m., 2d, Charles E. Walker, and res, in Medford, Mass.

65. Nellie J., b., Washington, June 30, 1859; m., April 12, 1881, Oscar H. Wiley; res. in Washington.

66. SIDNEY R. (**20**) b. Oct 14, 1826; removed to Wisconsin from Wilton in 1855, returned to N. H., and res. in Washington from 1859 till 1870, when he removed to Nashua, where he now lives. Has held the office of selectman in Washington, and been a member of the common council and board of aldermen in Nashua. He m., Nov. 28, 1850, Augusta Bixby of Lyndeborough. Children:

67. Kitty A., b., Wilton, June 24, 1853; grad. at the Boston University, 1878; has been a successful teacher in Nashua, Davenport, Ia., and Westborough, Mass.; in 1881, she entered Cornell University, received the degree of A. M. in 1885; is elected to the Greek Professorship of Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Penn., near Philadelphia.

68. Annie B., b., Washington, July 21, 1861; d. Aug. 18, 1864.

69. ARTHUR HERBERT (**41**), b. June 5, 1852; a farmer and carpenter; res. on the homestead; m., March 25, 1875, Annie C. Benedict. Children:

70. Archie Benedict, b. Jan. 3, 1876.

71. Richard Pierce, b. Feb. 3, 1881.

72. GEORGE N. (**46**), b. Nov. 27, 1851. A physician; has always lived in Washington. He m., Nov. 29, 1883, Ella F. Brockway of Hillsborough. Child:

73. Charles F., b. Sept. 10, 1884.

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1. DAVID GAGE, b., Merrimac, Sept. 8, 1795; d. Oct. 3, 1841. He m., Aug. 12, 1823, Betsey, b., Jan. 26, 1800, dau. of Daniel Putnam, Esq., of Lyndeborough. They went as missionaries to Livingston, Ala. They had five children born there, one of whom has res. more than twenty years in Wilton. Mrs. Gage d., Lyndeborough, Dec. 4, 1879, aged 80 yrs.

2. JOHN, son of preceding, b. June 15, 1836. A brick mason; has the office of fire engineer, and has been captain of the Lafayette Artillery co. He m., Feb. 24, 1859, Susan Ford, who was b. July 17, 1840. Child:

3. Walter F., b. Jan. 5, 1866; employed at the Electric Light Works in Lynn, Mass.

GOLDSMITH FAMILY.

1. WILLIAM GOLDSMITH came to Wilton from Ipswich, Mass., in Feb., 1774, and settled on lot No. 6, seventh range. He was a farmer, and one of the first members of the Baptist Society. He d. Dec. 27, 1833, aged

78 yrs. His wife, Hannah, came to Wilton, Aug. 25, 1774, about the time, as is supposed, of their marriage. Children:

2. Hannah, b. Dec. 7, 1775; m., Nov. 26, 1801, Isaac Burnham.

3. Seth Story (**11**), b. April 17, 1778.

4. Betty, b. Aug. 27, 1780.

5. Lucy, b. Nov. 17, 1782.

6. William (**13**), b. June 8, 1785.

7. Gifford, b. Sept. 22, 1787; d. March 29, 1796.

8. Jabez (**18**), b. April 5, 1790.

9. Martha, b. Jan. 26, 1793.

10. Ebenezer, b. April 15, 1796; d. May 9, 1796.

11. SETH STORY (**3**), b. April 17, 1778; d. Feb. 15, 1861; m., Feb. 22, 1805, Hannah Burnham, and removed to lot No. 4, sixth range, where he lived the remainder of his life. Child:

12. Samuel (**23**), b. Dec. 29, 1806.

13. WILLIAM (**6**), b. June 8, 1785; m. and settled on the homestead with his father. About 1832 he sold his farm to his brother Jabez, and removed to Maine. He was an intense stammerer; this impediment, with his wit, oftentimes making his remarks laughable. Children:

14. William, b. Feb. 7, 1812.

15. Benjamin, b. Aug. 20, 1815.

16. Seth Story, b. Feb. 28, 1818. After he became of age, he returned from Maine, and worked a few years in Wilton. He was commissioned, March 23, 1849, as lieut., and, Sept. 14, 1849, as captain of the Third Co. 22d Regt. of Militia; and the same date Jacob Putnam was commissioned lieut., and Samuel A. Preston, ensign; they being the last officers of that company.

17. Ezra Willmarth, b. June 7, 1821.

18. JABEZ (**8**), b. April 5, 1790; d. March 28, 1848. He lived for some years on lot No. 6, eighth range, and after he purchased his brother's farm, he res. on the Goldsmith homestead. He did something as a cattle broker. At the time of his death he was a large land-owner. He served one year as selectman. He m. Lucinda Pollard. She m., 2d, ——— Danforth, and d. Nov. 13, 1878, aged 87 yrs. Children:

19. Daniel Pollard, b. Aug. 17, 1815; d. Oct. 31, 1844. He res. on the farm his father first occupied. He joined the Miller Guards at its organization; his was the first death in the company, and they attended his funeral. He m., Nov. 1, 1836, Rebecca, dau. of Col. Samuel and Rebecca P. King. She m., Dec. 28, 1846, Benjamin Goldsmith, of Jamaica Plains, Mass.

20. Jefford Elbridge, b. June 14, 1817. He studied medicine, and began practice in Hopkinton, Mass. He d. previously to the death of his father. He m. in New Ipswich.

21. Sibyl, m. Charles Howard. Her father conveyed to her a part of his real estate, in which was the original Goldsmith homestead, and she res. there until the buildings were burned. She afterwards sold the place and bought the Gray farm, now owned by Albert B. Melendy. Since disposing of that property she has not lived in Wilton.

22. Charlotte, m. Samuel A. Preston. Her father willed her that part of the real estate, not left to her sister Sibyl. She res. in Wilton until the death of Mr. Preston. Mrs. Preston is not now living.

23. SAMUEL (**12**), b. Dec. 29, 1806; d. Feb. 28, 1888. He always res. on the homestead where his father first settled. He m., Nov., 1838, Lavina Cummings, who d. Oct. 15, 1839. He m., 2d, Lydia, dau. of Capt. Caleb and Jane (Longley) Putnam. Children:

24. Ezra, b. May 18, 1839; d. Aug. 5, 1844.

25. Lydia Hannah, b. Feb. 24, 1845; m., Dec. 16, 1868, Cyrus O. Whitney. See Whitney gen.

26. Caleb Story, b. June 29, 1847.

27. Sarah Jane, b. July 15, 1849; m. George Parkhurst. See Parkhurst gen.

28. Asa Horace, b. April 14, 1851.

29. Franklin Pierce, b. Dec. 5, 1852; d. July 24, 1853.

GRAY FAMILY.

1. TIMOTHY GRAY of Andover, Mass., was b. July 19, 1719; d. Nov. 17, 1793. He purchased of William Vance lot No. 6, fifth range, and thirty acres of the west part of lot No. 5, fourth range. In the deed, dated April 26, 1764, he is called cordwainer, and the consideration was £67 10s., sterling money. He and his descendants owned it about one hundred years. He held the office of deacon, and tradition reports that he was much respected. He m. Eleanor ———, who d. Sept. 22, 1775, aged 56 yrs.; he m., 2d, Abigail ———, who d. May 20, 1801, aged 77 yrs. Children:

2. Timothy (**11**), b. Feb. 19, 1749.

3. James Best, b. Jan. 26, 1751; d. at Halifax, between July 16 and Aug. 20, 1777, whether a prisoner or not is not known.

4. Eleanor, b. March 16, 1753.

5. Jonathan, b. March 18, 1755; d. Sept. 15, 1775. He was enrolled in Capt. William Walker's co., in Col. James Reed's regt., April 23, 1775, and at the battle of Bunker Hill received wounds of which he died.

6. Mary, b. Feb. 19, 1757; m., Nov. 23, 1786, Samuel Hartshorn. See Hartshorn gen.

7. Sarah, b. March 2, 1759; m., Jan. 8, 1782, Christopher Martin. See Martin gen.

8. Joseph (**25**), b. March 19, 1761.

9. Dorothy, b. Oct. 26, 1763; m., Aug. 3, 1786, Daniel Holt, who was a soldier in the army of the Revolution from Wilton, but who removed to Maine after his marriage. We have been unable to ascertain to which of the families of Holts, resident in Wilton, he belonged.

10. Henry, b. Oct. 8, 1766; d. March 31, 1776.

11. TIMOTHY (**2**), b. Feb. 19, 1749; d. July 18, 1807. He was a farmer and res. on the homestead. He was in Capt. Taylor's co., at Winter Hill, and was also in Capt. Nathan Ballard's co., at the time of the alarm of 1776 to reënforce the northern army. He m. Hannah ———, who d. July,

1784, aged 31 yrs. He m., 2d, April 21, 1785, Ruth Burnham, who d. March 23, 1841, aged 85 yrs. See Burnham gen. Children:

12. Hannah, b. July 4, 1770; d. Aug. 18, 1770.

13. Timothy, b. Sept. 30, 1771; d. Dec. 1, 1776.

14. Hannah, b. June 17, 1773; m., April 19, 1795, Abiel Blanchard.

15. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 12, 1775; m., Feb. 12, 1801, Caleb Holt.

16. Timothy, b. Jan. 21, 1778; d. Sept. 26, 1781.

17. Eleanor, b. Oct. 5, 1779; m., Nov. 15, 1804, Uzziel Sheldon.

18. James Best, b. May 26, 1781; d. Oct. 4, 1795.

19. Timothy (**38**), b. May 14, 1787.

20. Henry (**49**), b. Oct. 1, 1789.

21. Abel, b. Oct. 13, 1791; m., July, 1813, Betsey Pettengill.

22. Abiel, b. July 25, 1793.

23. Lucy Burnham, b. Sept., 1795; m. Dea. Joel Chandler. See Chandler gen. (**29**).

24. Ruth, b. May 24, 1800; d., Lowell, March 7, 1858.

25. Joseph (8), b. March 19, 1761; d. Aug. 26, 1846. He was the last of the soldiers of the Revolution, resident in Wilton. His services are sketched in pp. 246–251. His military career did not cease with the Revolutionary War, but he held various offices in the N. H. militia, and was familiarly known as "Adjutant Gray." He owned and res. on the farm now owned by Albert B. Melendy. He was frank and outspoken, a good neighbor, and ready to do his part, so far as his means would allow, in supporting public institutions. He m., April 11, 1786, Chloe, dau. of Jeremiah Abbot of Wilton, who d. July 17, 1849, aged 82 yrs. Children:

26. Joseph (**54**), b. Aug. 14, 1787.

27. Chloe, b. Nov. 2, 1789; m., Oct. 26, 1813, Oliver Fletcher. See Oliver Fletcher gen. (8).

28. Sally, b. July 11, 1791; m. Seth P. Tyler.

29. Anna Abbot, b. April 7, 1793; m., June 1, 1817, Asa Perham, who had served an apprenticeship with Messrs. Ephraim and John Peabody, to learn the blacksmith's trade, and carried on business a few years in the shop they had occupied, but afterwards removed to Lyndeborough.

30. Lydia, b. March 5, 1795; m., Feb. 5, 1822, Russell Upton.

31. James Best (**64**), b. April 21, 1797.

32. Betsey, b. June 21, 1799; d. Oct. 6, 1869; m., Sept. 25, 1827, Abbot Smith of Milford.

33. Calvin (**73**), b. Oct. 28, 1801.

34. Henry Newton, b. Sept. 1, 1804; d. Sept. 8, 1826. He was a harness-maker, and began business in Nashua.

35. Matilda, b. July 20, 1806; d. Dec. 23, 1835. She m., Jan. 26, 1832, Amos Gutterson, and res. in Milford.

36. Elvira, b. Dec. 20, 1808; d. April 3, 1881; m., Nov. 28, 1833, Samuel French. See French gen. (**26**).

37. Emeline, b. Oct. 11, 1811; m., Dec. 12, 1849, Dr. Israel Herrick. See Herrick gen.

38. Timothy (**19**), b. May 14, 1787; d. Aug. 4, 1867. He res. on the homestead, and was an early member of the Baptist society, and for

Timothy Gray

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many years a deacon of the church. He served as one of the selectmen. He sold a part of his farm and removed to Lowell, where he resided a few years, but returned to Wilton. He m., Aug. 21, 1808, Fanny, dau. of Lieut. Abraham and Betsey Burton, who d. Nov. 3, 1810, aged 20 yrs. See Burton gen. (**40**). He m., 2d, Nancy Smith of Medford, who d. April 16, 1866, aged 79 yrs. Children:

39. Fanny Burton, b. Aug. 29, 1810; m., Dec. 4, 1832, Caleb Crosby of Lowell, Mass.

40. Timothy, b. June 7, 1813; d. Jan. 24, 1883.

41. Alanson, b. Jan 22, 1815; d. many years ago.

42. Daniel Smith (**77**), b. Oct. 16, 1816.

43. James B., b. July 29, 1818; res. in Maine; not living.

44. Nancy, b. March 4, 1820; m., Nov. 26, 1860, Joseph W. Stiles. See Stiles gen.

45. Maria, b. March 29, 1822; d. in Lowell.

46. Hannah, b. Oct. 12, 1824; m. Joseph M. Melendy.

47. Robert, b. March 23, 1827; d. Feb. 17, 1865, in Salisbury, N. C., as a prisoner of war.

48. Lorenzo (**92**), b. March 31, 1829.

49. HENRY (**20**), b. Oct. 1, 1789; d. Oct. 30, 1862; a cabinet maker and farmer. He bought the place formerly owned by Nathaniel Sawyer, and for nearly thirty years paid the widow the income of her thirds. He m. Susan Merrill of Milford, who d. April 17, 1868, aged 76 yrs. Children:

50. Susan Elizabeth, b. Aug. 15, 1813; d. Aug. 14, 1849; m., April 28, 1835, Putnam Woodward of Lyndeborough.

51. Lucy Cummings, b. May 14, 1816; m., Oct. 2, 1838, Moses Lovejoy, Jun. See Lovejoy gen.

52. Henry (**99**), b. Aug. 4, 1818.

53. Mary Ninette, b. 1828; d. July 11, 1880; m., Oct. 29, 1850, Col. Putnam Woodward, who d. Aug. 8, 1874, aged 67.

54. JOSEPH (**26**), b. Aug. 14, 1787; d. Oct. 13, 1865. He resided several years in Temple on the farm afterwards owned by Joseph Kendall. About 1830 he sold his farm and removed to Wilton, where he was engaged in selling meat. He was adjutant of the 22d Regt. of Militia. He m., April, 1815, Mary Spalding, who d. Dec. 25, 1852, aged 64 yrs. Children:

55. Child b. May 7, 1816; d. May 7, 1816.

56. Charles, b. Sept. 7, 1817; d. Jan. 7, 1851.

57. Mary S., b. Feb. 17, 1820; d. Aug. 1, 1822.

58. Caroline, b. Feb. 21, 1822; m., Feb. 29, 1848, Samuel A. Grammar of Woburn, Mass.

59. J. Monroe, b. Nov. 16, 1824; d. Sept. 3, 1858; m., Jan. 11, 1854, Anna E. Gould.

60. George, b. Feb. 12, 1827; d. Dec. 7, 1831.

61. Infant b. Dec. 14, 1828; d. Feb. 12, 1829.

62. Mary Jane, b. Sept. 28, 1830; d. April 27, 1881; m., Aug. 27, 1860, Eben K. Long.

63. George Sullivan, b. Feb. 9, 1834; d. June 17, 1863. He enlisted in the first Mass. Cavalry, and was mortally wounded at the battle of Alda, and d. at Washington, D. C.

64. James Best (**31**), b. April 21, 1797; d. Dec. 6, 1867. He lived on the homestead until he sold his farm, a few years before his death, and removed to Milford. He m., Dec. 12, 1822, Sarah, dau. of Moses Burns of Milford. She was b. Jan. 9, 1803, and d. Nov. 8, 1843. He m., 2d. March 14, 1844, Adeline Gutterson, who was b., Milford, July 7, 1813. Children:

65. Maria, b. Oct. 18, 1823; d. Jan 3, 1858; m. ——— Scales.

66. Mary Ann, b. Dec. 18, 1825; d. Feb. 29, 1832.

67. James Best, b. Feb. 8, 1829; d. March 3, 1832.

68. Mary Ann, b. Feb. 17, 1833.

69. James Hammond, b. April 6, 1835.

70. Harris, b. July 1, 1841; d. Feb. 20, 1863.

71. Anna E., b. June 29, 1845.

72. Sarah F., b. Oct. 18, 1847.

73. Calvin (**33**), b. Oct. 28, 1801; d. Dec. 15, 1856. He served as an apprentice with John Mack, blacksmith. Soon after he was of age he bought the shop formerly owned by the Messrs. Peabody, which was burned in 1831. He then built the brick shop now owned by his son, Henry Newton. Henry Bragg was his partner for several years. He was adjutant of the 22d Regt. of Militia, when commanded by Col. Samuel King. He m., April 11, 1826, Clarissa King, who d. Aug. 8, 1885, aged 81. Children:

74. Henry Newton (**103**), b. Jan. 4, 1827.

75. Harriet N., b. Aug. 21, 1829; d. Oct. 13, 1852; m., July 9, 1850, Henry K. French, for many years proprietor of the hotel in Peterborough village.

76. Charles Dumont, b. March 13, 1834; d. Feb. 23, 1864. He was engaged for some time in driving a stage; m., Nov. 27, 1860, Caroline Spalding.

77. Daniel Smith (**42**), b. Oct. 16, 1816. While blasting a rock, at the age of fifteen, he was severely wounded in his thigh by a premature discharge. In early life he went to Lowell where he has for many years been in the grocery business. He m., Nov. 12, 1840, Mary Ann Wells, who was b. Oct. 18, 1819, and d. Oct. 27, 1843. He m., 2d, Sept. 26, 1844, Clorinda Phelps, who was b. May 5, 1821. Children:

78. Daniel Washington, b. July 18, 1841.

79. Albert, b. June 1, 1845; d. July 20, 1845.

80. Albert Montrassor, b. May 23, 1846.

81. Frank, b. March 22, 1848.

82. Mariana, b. Feb. 25, 1850; d. Oct. 18, 1850.

83. Joseph, b. Aug. 6, 1851.

84. Henry, b. Nov. 12, 1853.

85. Alanson, b. Dec. 21, 1855.

86. Nellie, b. March 31, 1858.

87. Willie, b. Jan. 31, 1860.

88. Anna Stevens, b. April 29, 1863.

89. Arthur Smith, b. April 29, 1863; d. May 14, 1864.

90. Arthur Lincoln, b. May 24, 1866.

91. Minnie Clorinda, b. Aug. 22, 1868.

92. LORENZO (**48**), b. March 31, 1829. A farmer and lumberman; owns and res. on the southeast part of the original Livermore farm; also owns a part of the Lovejoy farm, and a part of the farm on which James Dascomb began clearing, April 19, 1775. He has been successful in his business. He m., Jan 2, 1854, Sarah G. Payson of Salem, Mass., who was b., Wells, Me., May 10, 1834, and d. Dec. 3, 1858. He m., 2d, Jan. 5, 1860, Dorothy Marshall of Milford, who was b. Oct. 19, 1830. Children:

93. Alice Sarah (**107**), b., Newport, R. I., Jan. 10, 1855.

94. Eddie L. (**112**), b., Wilton, Aug. 5, 1858.

95. Francella D. (**114**), b. Sept. 17, 1862.

96. Stephen Allen, b. May 21, 1864.

97. Walter Herbert, b. Sept. 15, 1865; d. Sept. 19, 1865.

98. Lucy Viola, b. Nov. 13, 1866.

99. HENRY (**52**), b. Aug. 4, 1818. A farmer, and engaged at different times in lumbering, in which as well as farming he has been successful. He m., Nov. 27, 1845, Mary Hutchinson. Children:

100. Mary Susan, b. Dec. 16, 1846; m., June 11, 1876, Albion B. Flint, who d. Jan. 28, 1888, aged 43.

101. Henry Warren, b. Aug. 4, 1848; a manufacturer of furniture in Weare; m., Oct. 6, 1883, Ella J. Lloyd of Weare.

102. James E., b. April 15, 1851; a farmer, res. on the homestead; m., June 27, 1878, Eva E. Dodge, of Nashua.

103. HENRY NEWTON (**74**), b. Jan. 4, 1827. See a sketch of his life, page 283. He m., Jan. 3, 1854, Mary A. Heath of Barre, Mass. Children:

104. Ella Heath (**117**), b. Oct. 1, 1854.

105. Charles Newton, b. Aug. 19, 1856. He is in company with his father in the blacksmithing and carriage business. He m., Sept. 22. 1881, Mina O., dau. of Dr. William A. Jones.

106. William Henry (**125**), b. June 6, 1858.

107. ALICE SARAH (**93**), b. Jan. 10, 1855; m., Dec. 25, 1877, John A. Sheldon. See Sheldon gen. Res. in Wilton. Children:

108. Gracie A. (Sheldon), b. Aug. 20, 1878.

109. Willie A. (Sheldon), b. Jan. 20, 1882.

110. Fanny Belle (Sheldon), b. Sept. 17, 1885.

111. Charles Eddie, (Sheldon) b. Sept. 17, 1887.

112. EDDIE L. (**94**), b. Aug. 5, 1858; m., Feb. 14, 1882, Ida J. Nutting of Mason, and res. in Greenville. Child:

113. Ida L., b. Sept. 4, 1886.

114. FRANCELLA D. (**95**), b. Sept. 17, 1862; m., Oct. 7, 1884, George H. Buttrick, lumberman, and res. in Wilton. Children:

115. Charles H. (Buttrick), b. Oct. 19, 1883.

116. Mabel Florence (Buttrick), b. May 23, 1885.

117. ELLA HEATH (**104**), b. Oct. 1, 1854; m., June 1, 1875, William

Hampleton Putnam, who was b. Aug. 10, 1852, lived in Wilton, and d. Sept. 13, 1887. Children:

118. Clytie Gray (Putnam), b. Dec. 16, 1876.

119. Henry Hampleton (Putnam), b. Aug. 17, 1878.

120. Hattie Lavina (Putnam), b. May 10, 1880.

121. George Newton (Putnam), b. Aug. 2, 1882; d. Sept. 14, 1882.

122. Mary Isabelle (Putnam), b. Sept. 18, 1883.

123. Eva Heath (Putnam), b. Aug. 31, 1884.

124. Alice King (Putnam), b. Nov. 26, 1886.

125. WILLIAM HENRY (**106**), b. June 6, 1858; he is a wheelwright, in company with J. Q. Flint. He m., Aug. 5, 1884, Minnie A., dau. of Porter and Martha J. Follansbee. Child:

126. Frank, b. July 21, 1886.

GREELE, OR GREELEY, FAMILY.

1. JONATHAN GREELE, b. Feb. 22, 1732; d. in 1815 or 1816. He m. Ruth Griffin, who d. March 27, 1778, aged 43; m., 2d, July 23, 1778, Mrs. Phebe Parker. Children:

2. Jonathan, b. April 24, 1756.

3. Mary, b. Oct. 14, 1757; m. Asa Butler.

4. John, b. April 26, 1759.

5. Rachel, b. Jan. 17, 1761.

6. Elizabeth, b. June 3, 1763.

7. Hannah, b. June 15, 1765.

8. Abigail, b. Sept. 6, 1767.

9. Ruth, b. Aug. 28, 1769.

10. David (**15**), b. April 17, 1771.

11. Martha, b. late in 1772, or early in 1773; unm; d. Aug. 7, 1852.

12. Joel, b. April 28, 1779.

13. Daniel, b. April 24, 1782.

14. Samuel (**20**), b. Sept, 5, 1783.

15. DAVID (**10**), b. April 17, 1771; m., April 3, 1798, Mrs. Rebecca (Hardy) Butler. Children:

16. Jonathan Butler, b. Dec. 23, 1798; m. Lucy Ann Coburn.

17. Mary, b. Nov. 15, 1800; m. Hervey W. Bingham.

18. Rebecca, b. May 5, 1803; m. John Gage.

19. Harriet, b. Jan. 6, 1806; m. Thomas Gowing.

20. SAMUEL (**14**), b. Sept. 5, 1783; d. Aug. 16, 1861. He was fitted for college at New Ipswich Academy; grad. Harvard College, 1802; studied divinity with Rev. Jonathan French of Andover; preached for several years, but was never ordained as minister of any society. He engaged in the business of making printing types, and retired from business several years before his death. He was elected representative to the Legislature for several years; was alderman of Boston in 1834, '35 and '36. He was deacon in the Federal St. Church, Boston, under Rev. Dr. Channing and Rev. Dr. Gannett. He m., May 3, 1812, Lydia Maria Sewall, dau. of Chief Justice Samuel Sewall of Marblehead. She d., Boston, Aug. 11, 1822, aged 32 yrs. He m., 2d, Oct. 19, 1823, Louisa May, dau. of

Col. Joseph May of Boston. She d. Nov. 14, 1828, aged 36 yrs. He m., 3d, Oct. 18, 1831, Maria Antoinette Paine, dau. of Hon. Robert Treat Paine of Boston. She d. March 26, 1842, aged 58 yrs. He m., 4th, Oct. 8, 1844, Sarah Follansbee Emerson of Newburyport. Children by second wife:

21. Samuel Sewall (**23**), b. Oct. 11, 1824.

22. Louisa May, b. Jan. 1, 1827.

23. SAMUEL SEWALL (**21**), b. Oct. 11, 1824. He grad. at Harvard College, 1844; removed to Chicago in 1853, and opened a surveying office in that city, of which the firm-name is now "Greeley, (name changed) Carlson & Co;" his son, Frederic, being a partner. He m., Chicago, June 20, 1855, Annie Morris Larned of Providence, R. I. He m. 2d, Eliza May Wells of Brookline, Mass. Children:

24. Frederick (**30**), b. March 13, 1856.

25. Louis May, b. May 24, 1858; grad. at Harvard College, 1880; a lawyer in Chicago.

26. Lucy, b. Sept. 22, 1861; d. Sept. 28, 1861.

27. Morris Larned, b. Dec. 17, 1863; a student in Mass. Institute of Technology.

28. Ethel May; child by second wife.

29. Ruth Lyman. Of five children by the second wife, three d. in infancy.

30. FREDERICK (**24**), b. March 13, 1856; a surveyor; m. Sept. 21, 1881, Florence M. Arnold. Children:

31. Samuel Arnold, b. Aug. 1882.

32. Annie Larned, b. Dec. 1883.

GREEN FAMILIES.

1. FRANCIS GREEN, b. Weathersfield, Vt., Sept. 7, 1809. He came to Wilton in 1830, and worked in finishing the first meeting-house of the Second Cong. Society. He did not live in Wilton from 1833 to 1839, when he bought a part of the place now owned by George Barrett, where he res. a few years, and then bought the farm now owned by Curtis Bellows; from there he moved to the East village, and works at his trade. His largest jobs were C. H. Burns's buildings, the Whiting House, and the Newell Mill. In 1869 and 1870 he was elected a representative to the Legislature. He m., Dec. 18, 1832, Nancy, dau. of Benjamin and Judith (Blanchard) Steele. Children:

2. Mary Alnette, b. Nov. 19, 1834; m., June 1, 1855, Stephen C. Davis of Lowell, Mass.

3. George Warren, b. Dec. 28, 1838; d. Feb. 25, 1881; m. Abby D. Stevens. For many years he was a successful grocer in Nashua.

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1. B. F. GREEN was b., Otisfield, Me., May 30, 1822. He grad. from the Medical School in Cleveland, O., in 1846; practised medicine in Lynn, Mass., and came to Wilton in June, 1885, and began to practise. He is the Physician of the County Farm. He m., Washington, Me., June 3, 1847, Hannah E. Merrill. They have had three sons and three daughters.

GREGG FAMILY.

1. DAVID GREGG, a native of New Boston; d. Jan 31, 1880, aged 63 yrs., 7 mos., 13 days. He began business in Wilton, Sept., 1860. He bought out Pattee & Abbott, who occupied the store that was started by Abram Mitchell of Nashua soon after the railroad was opened to Wilton. He also bought out George W. Daniels at the depot store, and moved the goods from the old store to the depot store, where the business was carried on under the firm-name of D. Gregg & Co. His son, David A. Gregg, was his partner. He sold his interest in the store to his son-in-law, George F. Neville, who, after trading a few years in company with David E. Proctor, sold his interest to Mr. Proctor. Mr. Gregg had an interest for several years in a large lumbering establishment in Michigan. In 1869 he built a fine house in the west part of the East village. He built a large establishment on Crown street near the Concord depot in Nashua for the manufacture of doors, sashes, blinds, &c., which has been carried on under the firm-name of Gregg & Son. In 1869 he was elected and served as selectman; in 1877 he was chosen representative to the Legislature, and in 1879 he was elected supervisor. He left a widow, a son and a daughter.

2. DAVID ALMUS, son of preceding, was elected town clerk in 1863, '64 and '65; selectman in 1867, '68; and representative to the State Legislature in 1874, '75. In connection with his son, William A. Gregg, he continues to carry on the manufacturing business under the original firm-name.

3. WILLIAM A., son of preceding, m., June 15, 1881, Bessie, dau. of Hon. C. H. Burns. Children:

4. David, b. Jan. 23, 1882.

5. Donald Burns, b. Nov. 4, 1884.

6. Helen, b. Aug. 22, 1886.

HALL FAMILY.

1. TIMOTHY HALL bought of Archelaus Putnam lot No. 17, ninth range, deed dated March 26, 1774. He was last taxed in Wilton in 1799. Children by his wife, Sarah:

2. Timothy, b. Sept. 28, 1776.

3. Sarah, b. April 26, 1778.

4. John, b. Feb. 19, 1780.

5. Mehitable, b. June 20, 1782.

6. Molly, b. Sept. 6, 1785.

7. James, b. Jan. 7, 1787.

HARDY FAMILY.

1. JAMES L. HARDY was b. in Hollis, has res. in Nashua, Manchester, Amherst, and in Lawrence, Mass. He enlisted from Amherst, was mustered into the service, Dec. 20, 1861, as sergeant in Co. E., Eighth Regt., N. H. V., and was promoted to 2d. lieut., April 14, 1862; resigned Dec. 21, 1862. He came to Wilton in 1863; was appointed captain of the Light

Infantry. He served as representative from Wilton in 1873 and 1883. He has built three houses since his res. in town, one of which he has sold. He was one of the contractors for building the Town House.

HARTSHORN FAMILY.

1. THOMAS HARTSHORN, b. in Reading, England, about 1620; came with others and settled in Reading, Mass. He m., 1647, Susanna ——— of Reading, by whom he had seven sons and one daughter. He m., 2d, Hannah ———, by whom he had one daughter. His youngest son by his first wife was:

2. TIMOTHY, b. Feb. 23, 1661; m. Martha ——— of Reading.

3. THOMAS, son of preceding, b. June 10, 1691; m. Susanna ——— of Reading.

4. THOMAS, son of preceding, b. March 24, 1719; d. Feb. 7, 1809; m. Abiah ———, who was b. 1724, and d., Wilton, April 23, 1810. Children:

5. Thomas, b. Nov. 3, 1742. He m., Tamar Kimball; m., 2d, Abigail Cleveland of Salem, Mass. He served in the French war, and in the Revolution; was a captain in the Eighth Mass. Regt., Col. Michael Jackson, and was in commission until the peace. He was a man of sterling qualities, a well informed man, faithful in his public trusts and punctual in his promises. As a deacon of the first church in Salem, he was an ornament to his office, having talents to adorn it.

6. Abiah, b. March 25, 1745; m., Aug. 10, 1764, Ezekiel Marsh, a descendant of John Marsh, who came in 1633 from England and settled in Salem; father of Capt. Thomas Hartshorn Marsh, b., Danvers, July 9, 1776, and d., Hartland, Me., Oct. 20, 1870; grandfather of Lucius B. Marsh, b., Danvers, April 18, 1818, Col. of the 47th Regt. Infantry, Mass. Vol. and commanding the defences of New Orleans, during the siege of Port Hudson.

7. Jonathan (**9**), date of birth not known.

8. Samuel (**19**), b. June 13, 1760.

9. JONATHAN (**7**), res. of Wilton many years, last taxed here in 1802; supposed to have res. later in New Ipswich. He served in Capt. William Walker's co., that was called out by order of Gen. Folsom to reënforce the army in New York, from Dec. 7, 1776, until March, 1777, the pay roll showing service for three months and ten days. He was also in Capt. John Goss's co., of Gen. Stark's brigade, in the Bennington campaign in 1777, term of service two months and eight days, and in Capt. James Mann's co., Col. Nichols's regt., in the expedition to Rhode Island, Aug., 1778, term of service twenty-five days. Children by his wife, Hannah:

10. Hannah, b. March 2, 1776; m., Aug. 25, 1799, Benjamin Parker, Jun.

11. Jonathan, b. March 15, 1778.

12. Susanna, b. March 24, 1780.

13. Sarah, b. Feb. 4, 1782.

14. Loammi, b. Dec. 19, 1784.

15. Mary, b. March 10, 1787.

16. Sally, b. Nov. 23, 1790.

17. Lubim, b. Jan. 5, 1793.

18. Polly Lovejoy, b. Jan. 27, 1795.

19. SAMUEL (8), b. June 13, 1760. An industrious farmer; lived many years on the farm now owned by his grandson, George M. Hartshorn. He afterwards owned and lived on the farm now owned by John B. Baldwin, until age incapacitated him for labor, when he went to res. with his son-in-law, Hon. William Parker, in Francestown, where he d. Feb. 11, 1847. He m., Nov. 30, 1786, Mary, dau. of Timothy and Eleanor Gray, who d. April 20, 1841, aged 84 yrs., 2 mos. Children:

20. Samuel (**26**), b. Feb. 18, 1788.

21. Thomas, b. Dec. 25, 1789.

22. Jacob, b. June 20, 1791; d. Nov. 26, 1798.

23. Mary, b. Jan. 20, 1793; d. Dec. 5, 1838.

24. Anna, b. Feb. 6, 1796; m., April 11, 1820, William Parker. See Parker gen.

25. Abiah, b. Nov. 10, 1798; m.; d., Francestown, Dec. 26, 1856.

26. SAMUEL (**20**), b. Feb. 18, 1788; d. Dec. 3, 1832. He res. on the farm on which his son, George Hartshorn, now lives. He was a good townsman and a successful farmer. He m., March 6, 1817, Polly Tarbell, who was b., Mason, Feb. 9, 1793, and d. Sept. 27, 1876. Children:

27. Samuel Augustus, b. Nov. 13, 1817; m. Louisa Felt of Mason.

28. Mary Ann, b. Jan. 10, 1819; m. Otis Childs of Mason.

29. George (**31**), b. Dec. 11, 1820.

30. James Henry, b. May 26, 1829; m. Mary Sawtell of Mason.

31. GEORGE (**29**), b. Dec. 11, 1820. He owns the homestead and by purchase of other land, has become one of the large landowners of Wilton, and has been successful as a farmer. He m. Maria Mansur, who d. July 18, 1850, aged 20 yrs.; m., 2d, April 30, 1864, Ellen M. Holt. Children:

32. George M. (**34**), b. July 18, 1850.

33. Nellie, b. Jan. 24, 1866.

34. GEORGE M. (**32**), b. July 18, 1850; owns and res. on the farm of his grandfather, Isaiah Mansur. He m., May 5, 1880, Mary Effie Herrick, who d. July 12, 1887. See Herrick gen. (**105**). Child:

35. Bessie M., b. Feb. 1, 1885.

HASELTINE, OR HESELTINE FAMILY,

SEE HESSELTON FAMILY.

HATCH FAMILY.

1. GEORGE W. HATCH, b., Lyndeborough, Sept. 8, 1855. At eight years of age he went to Milford, and grad. there at the High School, June 26, 1874. He entered the Chandler Scientific Department, Dartmouth College, and attended that school two years and a half. He began the

study of medicine with T. B. Dearborn, M. D., of Milford, and grad. at Dartmouth Medical School Nov. 11, 1879. He began the practice of medicine in Wilton, Dec. 24, 1879. He has been for six years the physician of the county farm. He m., Feb. 25, 1880, Marcella Smith of Milford. Children:

2. Fred Marshall, b. Nov. 25, 1880.

3. Lydia Elizabeth, b. Sept. 3, 1882.

HAWKINS FAMILY.

1. WILLIAM ADRIAN HAWKINS, b. Jan. 18, 1742; d., Reading, Vt., in 1817. His father, b., Dublin, Ireland, m. an English woman, and emigrated to Bordeaux, France, where their two children, a son and a dau., were born. He was reputed wealthy, but lost most of his property by pirates in the wars of that period. After his death his widow brought her children to America, but returned to her old home to recover her property, expecting to come back and settle here. The children had been left in good hands, but the mother never returned. Whether she d. on the voyage, or elsewhere, was never known. The dau. was adopted, and eventually m. one Drury. The boy, William Adrian, was apprenticed to a tailor, and was said to be a superior workman at that trade. He came to Wilton a short time before the Revolution, and res. here till 1789, when he removed to Reading, Vt. The pay-rolls, dated Aug. 1, 1775, of Col. James Reed's regt. of N. H. troops, show the names of thirty-two Wilton men, twenty-six of whom were enrolled April 23, 1775, and the other six within ten days thereafter. On the roll of Capt. William Walker's co. stands the name of William A. Hawkins, as first sergeant. He was promoted to ensign for his conduct at the Battle of Bunker Hill. See page 79. On Nov. 7, 1776 he was commissioned lieut. and in 1778 or 1779, captain. The regt. in which he served during the summer of 1781 was stationed at Saratoga, where he was attacked with ague, from which he suffered for three months. The currency with which he was paid was so nearly valueless that forty bushels of rye was the most valuable part of his pay for seven years' service. His wife, an energetic woman, maintained the family with what assistance her oldest children were able to give. He m. Abigail, dau. of John and Abigail (Livermore) Keyes, who was b., Northborough, Mass., Dec., 1743, and d., Reading, Vt., 1813. Children:

2. Abigail; m. ——— Davis; removed to Canada, visited Wilton once with her two boys, returned to Canada and was not afterwards heard from.

3. Martha (**10**).

4. Mary (**17**).

5. William Lewis (**23**), b., Northborough, Mass., June 14, 1773.

6. Alice, baptized Feb. 21, 1779; d., aged 9 yrs.

7. George Washington (**31**), b. May 31, 1781.

8. Horatio Gates (**43**), b. Dec. 1, 1782.

9. John Sullivan (**50**), b., Wilton, Jan. 30, 1785.

10. MARTHA (**3**), m., Oct. 28, 1788, Archelaus Putnam, 3d son of Archelaus Putnam, the first settler on what is now the county farm. Soon after their marriage they left Wilton and eventually res. at Glenn's Falls, N. Y. Children:

11. Archelaus (Putnam), b. June 10, 1792.

12. Martha (Putnam), b. Aug., 1799.

13. Lubin (Putnam), b. Aug., 1803.

14. George W. (Putnam), b. 1806.

15. Abigail (Putnam), b. 1808.

16. Charles (Putnam), b. 1810.

17. MARY (**4**), m., Nov. 30, 1793, William Howard of Greenfield. They res. in Temple and had five sons and four or five daughters. Children:

18. William H. (Howard), res on the homestead in Temple until age incapacitated him for labor, when he sold his farm to his brother Lewis, and removed to Wilton where he d., 1874, aged 80 yrs.

19. Horace (Howard), d. July 2, 1866, aged 64 yrs. He was a prominent business man in Lowell and for several years president of the Wamesit Bank.

20. Lewis (Howard), b. 1804.

21. Sullivan (Howard), carpenter; for several years a res. of Greenville, where he erected a large number of buildings; from there he went west.

22. Abigail (Howard), m. Benjamin T. Foster. See Foster gen.

23. WILLIAM LEWIS (**5**), b., Northborough, Mass., June 14, 1773; d., Reading, Vt., Nov. 26, 1859. He m., Reading, Vt., Anna Townsend. Children:

24. Lewis, b., Reading, Jan. 23, 1798; d., Sherburne, Vt., April 29, 1875.

25. William Adrian, b., Reading, May 24, 1800; d., Reading, July 7, 1869.

26. Alfred, b., Reading, Aug. 29, 1803; d., St. Albans, Vt., Jan. 6, 1885.

27. Isabella, b., Reading, Feb. 23, 1806; d., Reading, Sept. 14, 1885.

28. Ferdinand, b., Reading, Feb. 14, 1808; res. Reading, Vt.

29. Horatio Gates, b., Reading, March 3, 1810; d. in infancy.

30. Josiah D., b., Reading, March 15, 1812; d., Brandon, Vt., June 18, 1882.

31. GEORGE WASHINGTON (**7**), b. May 31, 1781; d. Feb. 7, 1851. A carpenter; res. in Temple until 1820, when he removed to Springfield, Vt. He served as selectman, 1811, '12, '13, and also held the offices of ensign, lieut. and captain in the militia. He m. Hannah Mansur, b., Temple, Oct. 13, 1778. Children:

32. Washington, b. May 12, 1803; d. in infancy.

33. Charles, b. Oct. 23, 1805; res. in Chester, Vt.

34. George Washington, b. Feb. 24, 1807; d. Feb. 4, 1842.

35. Amanda, b. Oct. 14, 1808; d. Feb. 21, 1872.

36. Laura Ann, b. Aug. 5, 1810; res. in Springfield, Vt.

37. Abby, b. Jan 29, 1812; res. in Boston, Mass.

38. Hanson, b. Oct. 21, 1814; res. in California.

39. Hannah, b. Aug. 10, 1816; res. in Springfield, Vt.

40. Horace Emery, b. July 2. 1818; d. April 12, 1872.

41. Harriet, b. May 6, 1820; d. in infancy.

42. Henry, b. June 23, 1822; d. April 19, 1841.

43. HORATIO GATES (8), b. Dec. 1, 1782. A carpenter and farmer; res. in Manchester and Springfield, Vt. In early manhood he united with the Cong. Ch. of which he was a deacon. He was an earnest worker in the cause of temperance and human freedom. His surviving dau. writes of him: "My father lived in one sense an uneventful life; a man upright in every walk of life, with a strong purpose to be that 'noblest work of God, an honest man.'" He m., 1804, Polly Bates, who d. April 23, 1849; m., 2d, Mrs. Louise Burgess, a sister of his first wife. Children:

44. Mary, b. May 16, 1805; m., May, 1823, George G. Barnard.

45. Horatio B., b. Aug. 4, 1807; m. Abbie Gale.

46. Christina, b. May 4, 1809; m., Sept., 1839, Edward Swift.

47. Martha, b. Dec. 3, 1816; m., May, 1831, Oscar Brown.

48. Persis Hall, b. June 13, 1818; m., Jan. 10, 1849, Return M. Underhill; res. Dorset, Vt.

49. David Lewis, b. March 20, 1827. A lawyer; was district judge in Missouri for twelve years, and is now Assistant Secretary of the Interior in Washington, D. C.

50. JOHN SULLIVAN (9), b., Wilton, Jan. 30, 1785; d., Macomb, Ill., 1870. He res. in Reading, Vt., Laporte, Ind., and Macomb. He was a Free Mason, became a member of the Pres. Ch. when 70, and was an elder in it until his death; noted for his biblical knowledge. He m., Cavendish, Vt., June 5, 1818, Mary Morrison, who was b., Peterborough, Dec. 11, 1798, and d., Laporte, 1843. Children:

51. Sarah, b., Reading, Vt., March 15, 1819; m., Sept. 6, 1838, Charles F. Ingalls; res. in northern Illinois.

52. Alice Bates, b., Reading, Vt., Feb. 17, 1821; m. Andrew Goodell; m., 2d, Leonard H. Woodworth.

The four next children, three sons and a dau., d. in infancy.

53. John H., b., Reading, Vt., June 19, 1825; d., Laporte, Ind., Nov. 12, 1843.

54. Mary A., b., Reading, Vt., Oct. 9, 1828; m., July 1, 1844, Orlando F. Piper.

55. Elizabeth, d. in Cavendish; m. and had three children.

56. Daniel Webster, b., Cavendish, Vt., Nov. 26, 1835; res. in Chicago.

57. Martha A., b. March 11, 1840; m., Sept. 1, 1859, John R. McMillan.

The above named family except Daniel W. were all born in Reading, Vt., and the five now living are res. of Illinois.

HERLIHY FAMILY.

1. JOHN HERLIHY, b. in Ireland. He bought the farm on which he lives, Aug. 20, 1858; bought the adjoining farm of Michael Riney, May, 1880, and bought the Baker place, near the cemetery in East Wilton, in

1884. He m., Feb. 26, 1859, Kate Harmar, b., Ireland, Feb. 14, 1839. Children:

2. Mary Ann, b. Dec. 29, 1859; d. Sept. 14, 1870.
3. Hannah Josephine, b. Jan. 1, 1861.
4. Maurice, b. Dec. 5, 1862.
5. David Walter, b. Aug. 18, 1864.
6. John Francis, b. June 30, 1866.
7. Joseph Michael, b. April 2, 1868.
8. Katie Jane, b. Feb. 4, 1870.
9. Patrick Henry, b. May 27, 1872.
10. William Arthur, b. Jan. 5, 1874.
11. Charlie Edward, b. Nov. 16, 1875.
12. Alice Frances, b. Aug. 3, 1877.
13. Elizabeth May, b. March 12, 1880.

HERRICK FAMILY.

From the Gen. Register of the family of Herrick, published by Hon. Jedediah Herrick in 1846, we learn that "the traditions of this very ancient family claim their descent from Ericke, a Danish chief, who invaded Britain, during the reign of Alfred the Great, and having been vanquished by that king, was compelled with his followers to repeople the wasted districts of East Anglia; the government of which he held as a fief of the English crown. He is recognized in history as 'Ericke, King of the Danes, who held the countrie of East Anglia.'" The line is traced down through "Eric the Forester," to "Henerie Hirick, Hericke or Herrick, of the eleventh generation from King Ericke." Previous to this time the name is spelled in at least seventeen different ways, but after that time the orthography is Herrick.

1. Henry Herrick, the Anglo-American ancestor of a numerous race in this country, was b. 1604; d. 1671. He came from Leicester, England, to Naumkeag, then first named Salem, June 24, 1629. He m. Editha, dau. of Hugh Laskin of Salem, and settled at "Cape Ann Syde," "over against Massies." Of their eight children two have descendants res. in Wilton. Children:

2. Thomas, m. Hannah Ordway.
3. Zacharie, baptized Dec. 25, 1636.
4. Ephraim, baptized Feb. 11, 1638.
5. Henry (**10**), baptized Jan. 16, 1640.
6. Joseph (**16**), baptized Aug. 6, 1645.
7. Elizabeth, baptized July 4, 1647.
8. John, baptized May 25, 1650.
9. Benjamin, d. about 1675.

10. Henry (**5**), baptized Jan. 16, 1640. He inherited the paternal farm in Beverly; m. Lydia ———. Children:

11. Lydia, baptized Sept. 26, 1666; m. Porter ———.
12. Joseph (**18**), baptized Sept. 26, 1666.
13. Elizabeth, baptized Dec. 6, 1668; m. Isaac Woodbury.
14. Samuel, baptized 1670.

15. Jonathan, baptized 1672.

16. JOSEPH (**6**), baptized Aug. 6, 1645. He res. at Cherry Hill, Salem. He m. Sarah Leach. Child:

17. Joseph (**23**), b. April 2, 1667.

18. JOSEPH (**12**), baptized Sept. 26, 1666. He res. in Beverly; was captain of a troop of mounted rangers in the French war. He m. Mary ———. Children:

19. Henry (**29**), b. Sept. 9, 1688.

20. Lydia, b. May 29, 1691; m. Benjamin Woodbury.

21. Joanna, b. 1695; m. Ebenezer Raymond.

22. Joshua, b. Feb. 22, 1698–99.

23. JOSEPH (**17**), b. April 2, 1667; d. Sept. 11, 1749. He res. in Beverly, Marblehead and Topsfield. He m., prior to 1696, Elizabeth ———. Children:

24. Israel, b. Sept. 30, 1696.

25. Benjamin (34), b. April 14, 1700.

26. Nehemiah, baptized 1702.

27. Mary, baptized 1706.

28. Joseph, baptized 1709.

29. HENRY (**19**), b. Sept. 9, 1688; d. 1755. He res. in Beverly and was captain in the French and Indian war. He m., Dec. 1, 1709, Joanna Woodbury. Children:

30. Mary b. Nov. 11, 1711; m. ——— Larcum.

31. Joseph, b. July 18, 1714.

32. Henry (**38**), b. Oct. 5, 1716.

33. Eunice, b. May 1, 1719; m. Samuel Gates.

34. BENJAMIN (**25**), b. April 14, 1700; d. 1773; res. in Beverly and Methuen. He m., 1720, Lydia Hayward. Children:

35. Israel, b. Dec. 3, 1721.

36. Edward (**40**), b. Jan. 6, 1724.

37. Lydia, b. March 18, 1726. There were ten other children in the family.

38. HENRY (**32**), b. Oct. 5, 1716; d. Dec. 9, 1780; res. in Beverly; a colonel in the Revolution, and representative to the Mass. Legislature. He m. Anna Batchelder. Children:

39. Joseph (**47**), b. Feb. 15, 1738. There were seven other children in the family.

40. EDWARD (**36**), b. Jan. 6, 1724; d. Sept. 22, 1756; res. in Methuen. He m., Oct. 9, 1744, Sarah Kimball. Children:

41. Lydia, baptized June 2, 1751.

42. Sarah, baptized June 2, 1751.

43. Mary, baptized June 2, 1751.

44. Anna, baptized June 2, 1751.

45. Benjamin, b. Dec. 6, 1752.

46. Edward (**58**), b. Oct. 9, 1754.

47. JOSEPH (**39**), b. Feb. 15, 1738; d. Sept. 23, 1810. He was of Beverly, and removed to Greenfield, where he was for many years a

magistrate, representative, &c. He m., March 31, 1761, Anna Jackson. Children:

48. Anna, b. Oct. 22, 1761.

49. Pyam (**68**), b. Dec. 23, 1763.

50. Bethiah, b. June 17, 1766.

51. George, b. June 16, 1770.

52. Wilkes. **53.** Axamia. **54.** Mary. **55.** Joanna. **56.** Ruth. All b. in Greenfield; no dates.

57. Hannah, b. March 3, 1768.

58. EDWARD (**46**), b. Oct. 9, 1754; d. Feb. 25, 1811. He was from Andover, and came to Wilton about 1779. He purchased a part of the estate of Caleb Putnam, deceased; also land of John Cram, as is shown by deeds dated 1799 and 1782. He also bought the mills at Barnes's Falls, and occupied them until his death. He was three years, or more, in the Army of the Revolution. After the adoption of the constitution of New Hampshire, he was chosen first lieut. in Capt. Jona. Burton's co. of militia. He m., Nov. 18, 1779, Mary, dau. of Joseph Holt. See Holt gen. (**67**). Children:

59. Benjamin, b. Dec. 13, 1780; res. in Andover, Mass.; m. Elsie Nugent.

60. Mary, b. April 13, 1782; m. Dr. John Putnam. See Putnam gen.

61. George (**71**), b. Feb. 12, 1784.

62. Edward (**78**), b. Oct. 29, 1785.

63. Sarah, b. Dec. 27, 1788; m. Rev. Josiah Peete of Norridgewock, Me. They had three children.

64. Anna, b. Dec. 6, 1790; m. Elijah Stockwell; res. in Wilton.

65. Israel (**89**), b. July 9, 1794.

66. Diadamia, b. Jan. 1, 1797; d. Feb. 6, 1797.

67. Larkin, b. Dec. 16, 1799. A tanner and carpenter. He m., May 17, 1827, Sarah Sheldon. They had two daughters, of whom we have found no record.

68. PYAM (**49**), b. Dec. 23, 1763; d. Dec. 23, 1846. After his third marriage he removed from Greenfield to Wilton, and res here the remainder of his life. He m. Mehitabel Fuller. He m., 2d, ——— Parker. He m., 3d, Feb., 1827, Mrs. Sarah Stiles. He m., 4th, March 28, 1837, Betsey Flint. See Flint gen. (**27**). Children by 2d wife:

69. Sabra, b. 1805; d. Oct. 22, 1857; m. Samuel W. Bridges. See Bridges gen. (**23**).

70. Henry, b. 1807; d. Oct. 13, 1863; unm.

71. GEORGE (**61**), b. Feb. 12, 1784. After his marriage he resided a few years in Vermont. He m. Mary, dau. of Joel Holt. See Holt gen. (**102**).

72. Amos (**95**), b. July, 1809.

73. Larkin, b. 1812; d. Sept. 6, 1831.

74. Mary, b. 1816; d. April 13, 1832.

75. Daniel, m. and with his brother, Israel, for several years owned the Stockwell farm. They sold their farm in 1855 and removed to western New York. In a few years Israel returned to Wilton, but Daniel

remained and d. there. He had several children, of whom we have no record.

76. Israel, b. Nov., 1821; d. April 17, 1877; m. —— Elliot; had several children.

77. George, m. and went west.

78. EDWARD (**62**), b. Oct. 29, 1785; d. Dec. 9, 1873. A miller, farmer and carpenter. He res. in Wilton, Lyndeborough, Lowell and Nashua. He m., Dec. 27, 1810, Nancy Barrett, who d. Nov. 27, 1824. See Barrett gen. (**2**). He m., 2d, Nov. 22, 1825, Mary Andrews. Children:

79. Edward Barrett, b. April 11, 1812; d. Nov., 1878; m. A mason, and for many years a master mechanic in building the factories and boarding houses in Lawrence, Mass.

80. Mary Jane, b. Sept. 17, 1814; m., Jan. 22, 1835, Joel Hesselton. See Hesselton gen. (**23**).

81. Eliza Ann, b. June 2, 1816; m. Oscar G. Ingalls.

82. Charles Prescott, b. April 27, 1818; m; a mason.

83. Nancy Dodge, b. July 4, 1820; m., Oct., 1841, Silas B. Winn, who d. July 27, 1844. By him she had one daughter. She m., 2d, Nov. 27, 1845, Pierce Gage. See Gage gen.

84. Alonzo, b. Dec. 9, 1827; d. July 19, 1854.

85. John A., b. Nov. 30, 1839.

86. Harriet J., b. Dec. 26, 1831.

87. Andrew J., b. June 5, 1834; d. 1861.

88. Clymenia Frances, b. April 5, 1838.

89. ISRAEL (**65**), b. July 9, 1794. He grad. from the Medical School, Dartmouth Coll.; res. in Wilton, Hillsborough and Lyndeborough. He changed from the Allopathic to the Homeopathic method of medical treatment. He was a representative in the General Court and town clerk. He was a strong opponent of slavery. He m. Eliza H. Burns, who was b. Nov. 24, 1802, and d. April 20, 1868. He m., 2d, Emeline, dau. of Joseph and Chloe (Abbot) Gray. Children:

90. Eliza Diadamia.

91. Lafayette.

92. William J.

93. Edward Horatio.

94. Benjamin Goodwin.

95. AMOS (**72**), b. July, 1809; d., New Orleans, June 17, 1863. He enlisted in the Sixteenth Regt., N. H. V. He m. Betsey B. Larkin of Lyndeborough, who d. Aug. 13, 1878, aged 68 yrs., 7 mos. Children:

96. Larkin (**103**), b. Aug. 4, 1835.

97. Charles, b. Dec. 3, 1837; d. Dec. 21, 1870; res. in Penn. He m. Cordelia Mills.

98. Mary Ann, b. Dec. 15, 1838; unm.; res. in Lynn.

99. Harriet F., b. Sept. 20, 1840; res. in Greenville; m., Sept. 3, 1862, H. M. Livingston. They have one son.

100. Pirl, b. Sept. 14, 1842; d. of disease June 13, 1863. He enlisted, Aug. 21, 1862, as a recruit, and was enrolled in Co. D, Fourth Regt., N. H. V.

101. Betsey Anna, b. June 24, 1865; res. in Fitchburg, Mass., m., Jan. 12, 1864, George A. Sawyer. They have one daughter.

102. George W., b, Aug 18, 1847. He enlisted Aug. 12, 1864, and was enrolled in Co. B., Eighth Regt., N. H. V. He m., July 12, 1870, Naomi F. Smith. They have one daughter.

103. LARKIN (**96**), b. Aug. 4, 1835; d. July 12, 1883. A section hand on the railroad for several years. He bought a part of the King farm on which he lived the rest of his life. He was an industrious and good citizen. He m., Jan. 14, 1858, Sarah J. Tenney. Children:

104. Elmer E., b. Oct. 31, 1838; d. July, 1861.

105. Mary Effie, b. Jan. 23, 1861; d. July 12, 1887; m., May, 5, 1880, George M. Hartshorn. See Hartshorn gen. (**34**).

106. Annie E., b. June 4, 1862.

107. Charles M., b. Sept. 16, 1866.

108. Bessie M., b. March 27, 1874.

109. Hattie M., b. Jan. 23, 1876.

HESSELTON, HASELTINE OR HESELTINE FAMILIES.

In the early records of Wilton are found the names of Nathaniel and Nathan Haseltine.* Whether they were brothers or not, we have no evidence. From records of deeds and transcripts of roads, we learn that Nathaniel Haseltine owned and lived on the farm now owned by James Burton. He was chosen in 1774 surveyor of highways. He sold his land in 1776. We have found no record of his family. His name and that of Nathan Haseltine are signed to the resolve, dated June 3, 1776, "to defend by arms the united Colonies against the hostile attempts of the British Fleets and Armies." Among the papers left by the late Major Jonathan Burton the following items are found of services rendered in the army of the Revolution: "Nathan Haseltine four months by his son David in the three years' service, for which he paid after his son returned sixteen dollars." "David Haseltine four months in the three years' service, personal." "Stephen Butterfield twelve months by Nathaniel Haseltine in the Canada voyage in 1776, for which he paid £2 2s." "Lt. Joseph Butterfield eighteen months in three years' service by David Heseltine, for which he paid £15." From the above we learn that Nathan Heseltine was the father of David, and probably of Nathan, Jun. David Heseltine m., June 19, 1782, Hannah, youngest dau. of John Cram, and settled in Vermont. We have no record of his children. The late Sumner Hesselton was his grandson.

Sumner Hesselton came to Wilton in 1839; d. Jan. 5, 1885, aged 70 yrs., 10 mos. He bought the farm east of Wilton Centre, formerly owned by Samuel Sheldon, and removed to it in 1850. On account of failing health he sold his farm, Nov., 1870, and removed to the East village in 1873. He m., Oct. 5, 1848, Betsey A. Sheldon; n. ch.

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* We find the name spelled in different ways, but in Wilton it is usually written, Hesselton.—[S. Putnam.

Chas. Hesselton

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1. NATHAN HESSELTON, JUN., m. Phebe ———. Children:

2. Phebe, b. April 30, 1776.

3. John, b. Jan. 24, 1779; m., April 17, 1808, Sally, dau. of John Baldwin.

4. Nathan (**9**), b., according to the testimony of the late David Putnam of Lyndeborough, on the spot where the glass factory at South Lyndeborough now stands.

5. Samuel. The church records of Wilton show that the above named four children were baptized Oct. 26, 1783.

6. Louis, baptized Nov. 6, 1785.

7. Betty, baptized Sept. 28, 1788.

8. Sarah, baptised Sept. 26, 1790.

9. NATHAN (**4**), d. Jan. 4, 1814. He removed to Weston, Vt., where his three oldest children were born; the two youngest were born in Andover, Vt. He m., 1805, Prudence, dau. of Timothy Baldwin of Wilton. After the death of her husband she returned to Wilton with all her children, except Daniel, and d. Aug. 12, 1856. See Baldwin gen. (**14**). Children:

10. Abel, b. Feb. 23, 1806; unm. A good mechanic; res. in Wilton.

11. Daniel (**15**), b. Nov. 11, 1807.

12. Joel (**24**), b. Oct. 9, 1809.

13. Nathaniel (**29**), b. Aug. 13, 1811.

14. Hannah, b. April 7, 1813; d. Nov. 16, 1885. She m., Oct. 16, 1842, Calvin Carlton, who was b., Barre, Vt., Nov. 4, 1811.

15. DANIEL (**11**), b. Nov. 11, 1807; d. June 24, 1877; res. in Vt.; m. Harriet Chandler. Their three sons all served in the army. Children:

16. Hattie E., b. Dec. 13, 1833.

17. Daniel H., b. May 9, 1836.

18. Bela C., b. Oct. 6, 1840; d. Jan. 12, 1862. He enlisted in a western regiment, and d. in the army.

19. Helen M., b. Oct. 11, 1842; deceased.

20. Marcia (**32**), b. Sept. 6, 1843.

21. Lucius A., b. May 15, 1846.

22. Lucia A., b. May 15, 1846.

23. Lucy A., b. April 4, 1849.

24. JOEL (**12**), b. Oct. 9, 1809. When about seven years old, he went to live with Lieut. John Stiles, where he remained until he began to learn the mason's trade with Samuel Sheldon. With the exception of a few years he has lived in Wilton. He was twice chosen representative to the Legislature. He m., Jan. 22, 1835, Mary J. Herrick. See Herrick gen. (**80**). Children:

25. Charles (**34**), b. May 27, 1836.

26. Nancy Jane (**38**), b. Dec. 13, 1841.

27. Mary Josephine, b. Oct. 23, 1845; d. Jan. 29, 1850.

28. Luella Caroline (**42**), b. Aug. 25, 1849.

29. NATHANIEL (**13**), b. Aug. 13, 1811; d. Sept. 11, 1881. A carpenter. He m., April 28, 1840, Mary D., dau. of Frederic and Mary D. Hutchinson, who d. Jan. 28, 1880, aged 66 yrs., 3 mos. Children:

30. Mary A., b. 1841; d. Sept. 24, 1864.

31. Timothy C., b. 1847; d. April 9, 1870.

32. MARCIA (**20**), b. Sept. 6, 1843; m., Sept. 19, 1861, Orrin P. Russell, who was b., Lyndeborough, 1837. A house painter and has res. in Wilton about 20 years. Child:

33. Imogene V. (Russell), b. Oct. 9, 1866; d. June 13, 1870.

34. CHARLES (**25**), b. May 27, 1836. He is a stone and brick mason. His father and he own an excellent granite quarry, which they have worked for several years. He has served several years as selectman. He m., April 9, 1863, Emily A. Russell. Children:

35. Edward Wilson, b. April 16, 1865.

36. Horace Wilson, b. Nov. 7, 1868; d. July 15, 1875.

37. Mabel Josephine, b. Jan. 24, 1871; d. May 11, 1871.

38. NANCY JANE (**26**), b. Dec. 13, 1841; m., Aug. 27, 1868, Joseph Woodbury Howard, of the furniture manufacturing company in Nashua. Children:

39. Charles Woodbury (Howard), b. Oct. 28, 1869.

40. Frank Barrett (Howard), b. Sept. 20, 1871.

41. Mary Hesselton (Howard), b. Aug. 14, 1876.

42. LUELLA C. (**28**), b. Aug. 25, 1849; m., June 12, 1870, Freeman Bailey; a farmer and furniture maker. Child:

43. Ethel Josephine (Bailey), b. Dec. 29, 1874.

HICKEY FAMILY.

1. JOHN B. HICKEY, b., Ireland, Nov. 21, 1840; came to Wilton in 1863. In 1865 he bought the farm on which he has since res., and, in 1879, bought the east quarter of lot No. 18, fifth range. He has served three years as selectman, and is at present, 1886, one of the supervisors of the check list. He m., Feb. 16, 1867, Mary Herlihy, b., Ireland, Sept. 9, 1841. Children:

2. Hannah, b. April 24, 1871.

3. David, b. Oct. 19, 1873.

4. Nellie, b. Feb. 14, 1876.

5. William, b. Dec. 17, 1877.

HOLT FAMILIES.

1. NICHOLAS HOLT, b. 1602. He sailed in ship James, of London, from Southampton, England, April 6, 1635, and reached Boston on the third day of June. In the list of passengers he is enrolled as "Nicholas Holt of Romsey, tanner." He first settled in Newbury, and, in 1644, removed with his family to Andover. His first wife, Elizabeth, d., Andover, Nov. 9, 1656. He m., 2d, Hannah, widow of Daniel Rolf and dau. of Humphrey Bradstreet; she d., Andover, June 30, 1665. He m., 3d, May 21, 1666, Mrs. Martha Preston. He had by his first wife four sons and four daughters; by his second wife, one son and one daughter. The Holts of Wilton are descended from the four sons of the first wife, named below:

2. Samuel (**6**), b., Newbury, Oct. 6, 1641.

3. Henry (**9**), b., Andover, 1644.

4. Nicholas (**13**), b. 1647.

5. James (**16**), b. 1651.

6. SAMUEL (**2**), b., Newbury, Oct. 6, 1641; d., Andover, Nov. 7, 1703. Children by his wife, Sarah:

7. Samuel (**18**), b. Aug. 3, 1670.

8. John (**20**), b. about 1672.

9. HENRY (**3**), b., Andover, 1644; d. Jan. 17, 1719. He m. Sarah Ballard; 14 ch.; we give the names of three:

10. Oliver (**23**), b. Jan. 14, 1671.

11. James (**25**), b. Sept. 3, 1675.

12. Humphrey (**27**), b. Sept. 22, 1693.

13. NICHOLAS (**4**), b. 1647; d. Oct. 8, 1715. He m., Jan. 8, 1679, Mary, dau. of Robert Russell. Children:

14. Nicholas (**29**), b. Dec. 21, 1683.

15. Thomas (**32**), b. Aug. 16, 1686.

16. JAMES (**5**), b. 1651; d., of small-pox, Dec. 13, 1690. He m., Oct. 12, 1675, Hannah Allen. Child:

17. Timothy (**34**), b. Jan. 25, 1683.

18. SAMUEL (**7**), b. Aug. 3, 1670; d. July 20, 1747. He m., March 28, 1693, Hannah Farnum, who d. Jan. 30, 1758, aged 91 yrs. Child:

19. John (**37**), b. 1707.

20. JOHN (**8**), b. about 1672; m., July 17, 1712, Mehitable Wilson.

21. John (**41**), b. May, 1713.

22. Elizabeth, b. June, 1718; m., Sept. 18, 1744, Timothy Holt (**52**).

23. OLIVER (**10**), b. Jan. 14, 1671; m., Jan. 16, 1697–98, Hannah Russell; 9 ch.; the son, named below, had descendants living in Wilton:

24. Oliver (**44**), b. Dec. 26, 1698.

25. JAMES (**11**), b. Sept. 3, 1675; m., about 1700, Susanna Preston; 4 ch. beside the son named below:

26. James (**46**), b. 1707.

27. HUMPHREY (**12**), b. Sept. 22, 1693; m., about 1716, Abigail ———, by whom he had eight children, of whom we name one:

28. Fifield (**48**), b., Andover, July 28, 1717.

29. NICHOLAS (**14**), b. Dec. 21, 1683. He m. Mary Manning, by whom he had four children; she d. March 3, 1716. He m., 2d, April 12, 1717, Dorcas, dau. of Timothy and Hannah (Graves) Abbot; she was b. May 6, 1698; by her he had six children, of whom we name two:

30. Timothy (**52**), b. Jan. 17, 1719.

31. Dorcas, b., Andover, Sept. 4, 1727; d. at Wilton. She m., as his second wife, Thomas Holt (**56**).

32. THOMAS (**15**), b. Aug. 16, 1686; m., Dec. 11, 1708, Alice Peabody, by whom he had eight children, of whom we name one:

33. Thomas (**56**), b. March, 1712.

34. TIMOTHY (**17**), b. Jan. 25, 1683; d. March 4, 1758. He m., April 19, 1705, Rhoda Chandler, who was b. Sept. 26, 1684, and d. Aug. 14, 1765. They had ten children, of whom we name two:

35. Timothy (**58**), b. April 16, 1714.

36. Joseph (**60**), b. Feb. 14, 1718.

37. JOHN (**19**), b. 1707; m., Oct. 8, 1731, Mary Lewis; six children, three of whom lived in Wilton:

38. Jeremiah (**74**), b. March 31, 1734.

39. Mary, b. April 12, 1737; m., Nov. 4, 1756, Samuel Pettengill. See Pettengill gen.

40. Amos (**88**), b. May 9, 1740.

41. JOHN (**21**), b. May, 1713: he was killed by being thrown from a wagon while removing to Wilton. He m. Rachel Fletcher of Chelmsford, Mass., and had by her ten children, two of whom have lived in Wilton:

42. Joel (**101**), b., Andover, Mass.

43. Daniel (**110**), b., Andover, Mass., 1746.

44. OLIVER (**24**), b. Dec. 26, 1698; d., of small pox, Dec. 11, 1760. A blacksmith. He m., July 5, 1722, Susanna Wright, who d. Dec. 1, 1760, of small pox; eight children, of whom one lived in Wilton:

45. Oliver (**115**), b., Andover, Jan. 24, 1740.

46. JAMES (**26**), b. 1707; m., Oct. 22, 1733, Mary Chandler; five children, of whom the youngest lived in Wilton:

47. Zela (**118**), b. Dec. 29, 1738.

48. FIFIELD (**28**), b., Andover, July 28, 1717; m., Aug. 31, 1741, Abigail Taylor and removed to Wilton. Children:

49. Anna, b., Andover, Sept. 26, 1742.

50. Fifield (**121**), b. Oct. 29, 1744.

51. Abigail, b. April 11, 1748.

52. TIMOTHY (**30**), b. Jan. 17, 1719; removed, about 1769, to Wilton, where he d. Nov., 1801. He m., Sept. 18, 1744, Elizabeth Holt (**22**); four children, of whom three lived in Wilton:

53. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 25, 1748; m. Isaac Frye and removed to Wilton. See Frye gen. (**16**).

54. Hannah, b. Jan. 18, 1754; m. Richard Whitney.

55. Sarah, b. May 31, 1757; m. William Pierce.

56. THOMAS (**33**), b. March, 1712; d., Nov. 21, 1776. He was reputed to be the largest land-holder in Andover, having owned land for a mile or more in every direction from his house. His wife, Dorcas, is said to have had the first gig brought into the village, and to have excited no little wonder as she drove to meeting at a rate not quite orthodox. Perhaps our late respected townsman, "Peddler Holt," inherited his fondness for horses from his grandmother. Thomas m., Aug. 15, 1734, Hannah Kimball of Boxford, who d. June 12, 1748. He m., 2d, Jan. 26, 1749, Dorcas (**31**), dau. of Nicholas and Dorcas (Abbot) Holt. After the death of her husband she removed to Wilton. Thomas and Dorcas had six children, of whom the son, named below, lived in Wilton:

57. William (**129**), b. Sept. 7, 1763.

58. TIMOTHY (**35**), b. April 16, 1714; m., Feb. 13, 1739, Harriet Dane; five children, of whom the youngest lived in Wilton:

59. Ezra (**138**), b. March 20, 1762.

60. JOSEPH (**36**), b. Feb. 14, 1718; d., Wilton, Aug., 1789. Grad.

Harvard College, 1739, and for some years had charge of the Grammar school at Andover. He served in the expedition to Canada, 1758, and kept a journal, which has been published in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. He removed to Wilton, 1765, and was busied in teaching, surveying and milling. He owned the mill on the south side of Mill Brook at Barnes's Falls, afterwards known as the Herrick mill. He was town clerk five years, selectman three years, beside being elected, with Jonathan Burton, to fill vacancies in the board of selectmen, caused by the death of Richard Taylor and the enlistment of Jacob Adams, Jan., 1777. He m., Jan. 17, 1745, Dolly Johnson, who d. Dec. 13, 1753; m., 2d, April 10, 1755, Widow Mary Russell. Children:

61. Joseph (**146**), b., Andover, Sept. 28, 1745.

62. Dolly, b. Aug., 1747; d. young.

63. Rhoda, b. July 17, 1749; d. young.

64. Dolly, b. Oct. 4, 1751; m., Nov. 26, 1767, Benjamin Farnum.

65. Simeon (**155**), b. May 22, 1752.

66. Rhoda, b. Dec. 30, 1753; d. Jan. 8, 1755.

67. Mary, b. Nov. 24, 1755; m., Nov. 18, 1779, Edward, son of Edward and Sarah (Kimball) Herrick. See Herrick gen. (**58**).

68. Rhoda, b. Oct. 16, 1757; d. July 25, 1799; m., Nov. 25, 1778, John Dale. See Dale gen. (**16**).

69. Valentine (**164**), b. about 1758.

70. Esther, b. March 26, 1760; drowned.

71. Twins, b. and d. Aug. 16, 1762.

72. Joshua, b. Nov. 5, 1765.

73. Esther, m. Ebenezer Pearson: they lived in Wilton for some years, then in Lyndeborough.

74. JEREMIAH (**38**), b. March 31, 1734; d. 1816. He came to Wilton about 1761, and lived where Curtis Bellows now resides. He m., April 21, 1756, Hannah, dau. of Barachias and Hannah (Holt) Abbot. She was b. May 29, 1737; d. Nov., 1812. Children:

75. Jeremiah, b. June 8, 1756; d. Oct. 3, 1776.

76. Barachias (**173**), b. Feb. 19, 1758.

77. Amos, b. Feb. 16, 1760; d. Dec., 1782.

78. Enoch, b. March 20, 1762.

79 Elias, b. May 5, 1764.

80. John, b. Sept. 16, 1766.

81. Elijah, b. July 13, 1768.

82. Hannah, b. June 7, 1770.

83. Phebe, b. April 14, 1772.

84. Rhoda, b. Feb. 3, 1774.

85. Timothy Abbot, b. Oct. 3, 1775; d. Aug. 22, 1777.

86. Jeremiah, b. Dec. 17, 1778.

87. Timothy Abbot, b. Aug. 24, 1781.

88. AMOS (**40**), b. May 9, 1740; res. on the farm now owned by Charles Moore; m., June 29, 1761, Jemima Ingalls. Children:

89. Lydia, b. Jan. 17, 1762.

90. Amos, b. Oct. 2, 1764; d. Aug. 11, 1767.
91. Hannah, b. Jan. 11, 1767.
92. Amos (**180**), b. Oct. 20, 1768.
93. Sarah, b. Jan. 13, 1771.
94. Isaiah, b. Sept. 28, 1772.
95. Peter, b. June 8, 1774; d. Sept. 9, 1774.
96. Peter, b. Aug. 24, 1775; d. April 30, 1777.
97. Abel, b. Sept. 11, 1777.
98. Levi, b. June 28, 1780.
99. Lewis, b. July 4, 1782.
100. Chloe, b. Sept. 4, 1784, [?]; m. William L. Bales.

101. JOEL (**42**), b. Andover, Mass.; d., Milford, June 28, 1847. He served three years from Wilton in the Revolutionary army. He m., Nov., 1786, Polly Coburn. See Amos Coburn gen. (**2**). Children:

102. Polly, b. April 17, 1787; m. George, son of Edward and Mary (Holt) Herrick. See Herrick gen. (71).
103. Betsey, b. Sept. 6, 1789.
104. Patty, b. July 18, 1791; m. Oliver Perham, Jun.
105. Joel, b. April 23, 1793.
106. Daniel, b. May 22, 1795.
107. Sally, b. May 18, 1797.
108. Rachel, b. July 31, 1801.
109. Nehemiah, b. May 9, 1803; res., Milford.

110. DANIEL (**43**), b., Andover, Mass., 1746; d. Nov. 5, 1778. He came to Wilton and settled on the place of which a part is now owned by his grandson, Mark Holt. He m. Mehitable, dau. of Jacob and Susanna (Styles) Putnam. Children:

111. Mehitable, b. Sept. 11, 1768; m., Feb. 20, 1791, James Abbot of Billerica, Mass.
112. Daniel (**188**), b. Oct. 29, 1769.
113. Elizabeth, b. April 26, 1772; m. Abiel Holt of Milford.

114. Caleb, b. Oct. 16, 1777; d. over 90 years of age. Before marriage he went to Weld, Me., and settled near Webb's Pond, three miles from any house. Once a week he went to his neighbor's for his washing and for bread, potatoes and pork, which, with trout caught in an eel-pot set in the brook, made his living. Having matters somewhat arranged, he moved his wife there, and for many years cleared from 25 to 40 acres of land and sowed it with wheat or rye. He m., Feb. 12, 1801, Elizabeth, dau. of Timothy and Hannah Gray. See Gray gen. (**15**). He m., 2d, 1810, Phebe (Abbot) Fiske, who was b. Aug. 24, 1772, twin sister of Dorcas, wife of his brother, Daniel (**188**).

115. OLIVER (**45**), b., Andover, Mass., Jan. 24, 1740. He lived on lot No. 12, sixth range; the place afterwards owned by the Rev. Thomas Beede. He m., Oct. 8, 1761, Eunice Raymond of Beverly, Mass. Children:

116. Eunice, b. July 25, 1764.
117. Oliver, b. Feb. 13, 1766.

118. ZELA (**47**), b. Dec. 29, 1738. He removed to Wilton, lived near

the middle of the town and, about 1790, went to Bethel, Me. He m., Nov. 16, 1762, Priscilla, dau. of Barachias and Hannah (Holt) Abbot; four children beside the two named below:

119. Priscilla, b. June 2, 1768; m. John Stearns of Bethel, Me.

120. Bridget.

121. FIFIELD (**50**), b. Oct. 29, 1744. It is not known when he came to Wilton, but we find the record of a deed, dated Sept. 4, 1772, from Fifield Holt to Fifield, Jun., conveying one-half of lot No. 11, third range; also a deed, dated April 15, 1776, in which Fifield and Fifield, Jun., convey to Amos Holt 61 acres of the east part of the same lot, the place where the quarry of J. and C. Hesselton now is. Fifield m., Nov. 5, 1772, Anna Lakin of Pepperell, Mass. Children:

122. Nathan Taylor, b. Aug. 2, 1773; d. Nov. 12, 1774.

123. Nathan Taylor, b. Feb. 23, 1775.

124. Fifield, b. Nov. 17, 1776; d. young.

125. Edmund, b. March 7, 1778.

126. Betty, b. Nov. 19, 1780.

127. Polly, b. Aug. 3, 178 .

128. Fifield, b., probably at Hollis, March 27, 1784. He grad., Middlebury College, 1810; studied at Andover Theological Seminary, 1810 to 1813; was settled over the Cong. Ch., Bloomfield, Me.

129. WILLIAM (**57**), b. Sept. 7, 1763; d., Andover, Mass., Dec. 23, 1810. He removed to Wilton and lived on lot No. 7, seventh range, the farm previously owned by Richard Whitney, and afterward returned to Andover. He m., July 29, 1784, Elizabeth Jones, who d., Weld, Me., 1829. Children:

130. Jacob, b. Dec. 13, 1784; m.

131. Stephen, b. April 11, 1786; m. a dau. of Moses Lovejoy; res. Weld. Me.

132. William, b. March 6, 1788; a shipmaster; d. on the Rio Grande, Africa, Oct. 22, 1820.

133. Elizabeth, b. March 12, 1790; d. March, 1797.

134. Joseph (**198**), b. Jan. 28, 1792.

135. Asa, b. May 5, 1794. He learned the carpenter's trade, but, soon after coming of age, went to Maine and became a sea captain. He m. Allethenia Butterfield of Weld, Me.

136. Nathan, m.; res. Weld, Me.

137. Elizabeth, m., Feb. 16, 1818, Benjamin Houghton of Weld, Me.

138. EZRA (**59**), b. March 20, 1762; d. May 11, 1822. He removed to Wilton and lived on lot No. 6, ninth range, where Nathaniel Greele had lived previously. He m. Dorcas, dau. of William Dane; she d. June 13, 1853, aged 80 yrs. Children:

139. Ezra (**204**), b. Aug. 9, 1795.

140. Dorcas, b. Sept. 24, 1797; d. Nov. 11, 1869; unm.

141. Hermon, b. 1779; d. June 21, 1836.

142. Sarah Abbot, b. Sept. 1, 1800; d. Aug. 26, 1801.

143. Joseph, b. March 14, 1803; d. March 15, 1877. He res. on the homestead; was much respected; a good neighbor and townsman. He

m., Oct., 1840, Betsey Frye, who d. June 5, 1885; n. ch. See Frye gen. (**41**).

144. Dane, b. 1810; owned the farm formerly owned by Maj. Isaac Frye; m., Dec., 1839, Esther Blanchard; n. ch.

145. Mary, b., 1816; d. Feb. 11, 1853.

146. JOSEPH (**61**), b., Andover, Mass., Sept. 28, 1745. He lived on lot No. 10, eighth range, now owned by his grandson, Warren Holt. A selectman of Wilton for fourteen years, and an early member of the Baptist Society. He m. Betsey Dale; see John Dale gen. (**3**). Children:

147. Joseph b. Aug. 17, 1772; m., July 18, 1793, Tryphena Perry. Their dau., Betsey D., m., 1823, Noah Fletcher. See Chas. Fletcher gen. (8).

148. John Dale, b. March 9, 1774; m., June 20, 1798, Sally Hall.

149. Simeon (**206**), b. Feb. 23, 1776.

150. Betty, b. Nov. 28, 1777; d. Dec. 15, 1777.

151. Dorothy Johnson, b. Dec. 18, 1778; m., Feb. 18, 1802, Nathan Fisk of Pepperell, Mass.

152. Betty, b. March 3, 1781; m., Nov. 13, 1800, Daniel Peabody of Andover, Vt.

153. Anna, b. April 11, 1783; d. March 25, 1784.

154. Anna Dale, b. March 4, 1785; m., Dec. 31, 1805, John Wilson.

155. SIMEON (**65**), b. May 22, 1752. He lived on lot No. 20, ninth range, now the northwest corner of the town; removed to Weld, Me., about 1822. He m., Sept. 22, 1778, Mary Dale. See John Dale gen. (**7**). Children:

156. Mary, b. Dec. 28, 1778; unm.

157. Sarah, b. Sept. 21, 1780; m., Jan. 8, 1809, Joseph Russell, and removed to Weld, Me.

158. Rachel, b. Feb. 7, 1783; m., March 1, 1809, Timothy Holt Frye and removed to Weld, Me. See Frye gen. (**33**).

159. Abiah, b. March 30, 1785; m., May 23, 1819, Andrew Parkhurst, and removed to Weld, Me.

160. John Johnson (**217**), b. July 21, 1787.

161. Jacob, b. Feb. 3, 1790; d. Jan. 24, 1796.

162. Dolly, b. May 17, 1793; d. Jan. 31, 1796.

163. Dolly, b. Aug. 26, 1796.

164. VALENTINE (**69**), b. about 1758; m. Nancy Goodrich. Children:

165. Nancy, b. March 13, 1788.

166. Ammi Ruhamah, b. June 8, 1789.

167. Lydia Porter, b. Aug. 17, 1791; d. July 28, 1792.

168. Lydia Porter, b. May 13, 1793.

169. Hannah, b. May 15, 1795.

170. Samuel Goodrich, b. April 14, 1797.

171. Israel, b. Aug. 1, 1799.

172. Robert Goodrich, b. Jan. 15, 1802.

173. BARACHIAS (**76**), b. Feb. 19, 1758; m., Oct. 14, 1783, Elizabeth Shattuck. Children:

174. Elizabeth, b. July 29, 1784.

175. Hannah, b. Aug. 12, 1786; m. John Shattuck, and removed to Charlestown, N. H.

176. Amos, b. Dec. 10, 1788.

177. Barachias (**219**), b. Dec. 21, 1790.

178. Dolly, b. May 5, 1793.

179. Phebe.

180. Amos (**92**), b. Oct. 20, 1768; dropped dead in his barn, Dec. 13, 1826. He lived on the homestead with his father; was captain of militia and selectman. He m. Mary Ballard. See Nathan Ballard gen. (**4**). Children:

181. Polly, b. July 13, 1791; m., Nov. 22, 1810, William Savory. Mr. Savory traded for a few years in the Fiske store.

182. Isaiah, b. March 14, 1794; d. young.

183. Luther (**226**), b. March 22, 1797.

184. Calvin, b. May 16, 1801; m., June 26, 1825, Mary Dale. They had one son who went to sea and was never heard from afterward.

185. Orville (**228**), b. May 16, 1801.

186. Hannah Ballard, b. June 22, 1806; m., March 4, 1829, David M. Ray of Henniker. They had one son, Lewis P. Ray, who was first sergeant in Co. C, Sixteenth Regt., N. H. V.; soon after the war he went west and has been employed on a railroad as an engineer. They had one daughter, Mary, who m. Samuel Barrett. See Ebenezer Barrett gen. (**20**.)

187. Isaiah, b. June 5, 1812.

188. Daniel (**112**), b. Oct. 29, 1769; resided on the homestead and was a successful farmer; m., Feb. 3, 1795, Dorcas, dau. of Jeremiah and Chloe (Abbot) Abbot, who was b. Aug. 24, 1772. Children:

189. Daniel (**230**), b. Feb. 13, 1796.

190. Dorcas, b. June 10, 1798; d. Oct. 3, 1801.

191. Samuel (**237**), b. May 30, 1800.

192. Hervey (**245**), b. Feb., 1803.

193. Ralph (**251**), b. May 2, 1805.

194. Mark, b. May 17, 1807; d. Oct. 16, 1809.

195. Dorcas, b. May 23, 1809; m., Aug. 15, 1833, Capt. Jonathan Livermore. See Livermore gen.

196. Mark (**253**), b. May 22, 1812.

197. Lorenzo (**256**), b. July 15, 1814.

198. Joseph (**134**), b. Jan. 28, 1792. He was for a time a carpenter, then a proprietor of the first line of stages running through Wilton, but, for the greater part of his life, a peddler. He m., Jan. 31, 1813, Betsey, dau. of Uriah Smith. Children:

199. Varnum S. (**262**), an adopted son, b. Jan. 21, 1815.

200. Elizabeth M., b. Aug. 18, 1817; d. Sept. 26, 1837.

201. Oliva A., b. Feb. 11, 1820; d. March 7, 1820.

202. Joseph Smith, b. May 27, 1823; m., July 31, 1855, Hannah Celestia, dau. of Moses Merriam of Mason; res. Keene; n. ch.

203. Helen Jane, b. July 16, 1829; m., Aug. 31, 1853, Philander Ring.

204. Ezra (**139**), b. Aug. 9, 1795; res. Milford; m. Sarah, dau. of Abel and Sally Shattuck. Child:

205. Joshua M. (**268**).

206. SIMEON (**149**), b. Feb. 23, 1776; res. on the homestead and was a successful farmer; m. Esther Brooks. Children:

207. Joseph Brooks, b. Aug. 8, 1800; d. Dec. 20, 1851. He kept a public house at South Merrimack for twenty-five years, and was twice elected representative to the Legislature. He m., Nov. 25, 1825, Clara Mansur.

208. Ezra (**270**), b. Dec. 22, 1802.

209. Roxana, b. Jan. 19, 1805; m., Nov. 11, 1824, John Tufts of Billerica, Mass. He was a mason and lived in Newton, Mass.

210. John (**278**), b. Oct. 3, 1806.

211. Simeon Durant, b. Jan. 18, 1809; m., June, 1836, Lucy Spalding; removed to Ada, Michigan.

212. Mary, b. Oct. 7, 1811; m., Nov. 11, 1832, Peter Cutter of Cambridgeport, Mass.

213. Abby, b. May 13, 1813; m. Allen Smith.

214. Willard, b. Feb. 11, 1817; m., Aug. 16, 1847, Joanna Hawkins of Troy; removed to California and d. there 1853.

215. Warren (**283**), b. July 23, 1820.

216. Rebecca, b. July 18, 1824; m., Nov. 12, 1843, Edwin W. Richards of Chicago, Ill.

217. JOHN JOHNSON (**160**), b. July 21, 1787; m. Betsey, dau. of Dea. Joseph Batchelder of Greenfield; removed, 1822, to Steuben Co., N. Y.; several children, but we can only name the following:

218. John, b. July 9, 1816.

219. BARACHIAS (**177**), b. Dec. 21, 1790; m. Elizabeth A. Shattuck. Children:

220. Barachias.

221. Amos.

222. Hannah, d. Oct. 22, 1817; m. John Shattuck; removed to Charlestown.

223. Dolly.

224. Zebadiah.

225. Phebe.

226. LUTHER (**183**), b. March 22, 1797; a stone-cutter and lived in Milford; m., Sept. 7, 1819, Catherine Blanchard. See Simon Blanchard gen. (**3**). Several children; we can name but one:

227. Horace, b. 1829; m., July 8, 1852, Helen M. Risher of Winchester, Mass.

228. ORVILLE (**185**), b. May 16, 1801; m. Rebecca Blanchard, sister of wife of his brother Luther. Several children; we can name but one:

229. Mary Jane, b. 1835; m., June 2, 1853, Thomas Nottage of Lowell, Mass.

230. DANIEL (**189**), b. Feb. 13, 1796; removed to Antrim; m., March 13, 1822, Hannah Green. Children:

231. Sarah W., b. March 19, 1821; m. L. M. Parker.

232. Samuel A., b. April 27, 1827; d. Aug. 29, 1834.

233. Dorcas Abbot, b. March 29, 1829.

234. Elizabeth L., b. March 11, 1830; m., Feb. 10, 1849, T. S. Preston.

235. Samuel, b. Jan. 27, 1836.

236. Abbot D., b. July 21, 1839; enlisted in a N. H. regt. during the Rebellion.

237. SAMUEL (**191**), b. May 30, 1800; res. Nashua; m., May 1, 1828, Anna Bridges. See Bridges gen. (**20**). Children:

238. Mary Ann, b. March 5, 1829; m., Dec. 6, 1846, Dexter A. Reed, whose business is wood-turning.

239. Emily J. (**287**), b. Oct. 16, 1830.

240. Harriet L., b. Oct. 2, 1832; m. Sept. 2, 1852. Her husband is a mariner; mate of a vessel.

241. Samuel A.; m.; works in the lock-shop at Nashua.

242. Ellen M., m., April 30, 1864, George Hartshorn. See Hartshorn gen. (**31**).

243. Lorenzo; m.; an iron worker.

244. Abba F., b. Nov. 15, 1846; m., Oct. 13, 1870, David M. Roby, who works in a railroad shop.

245. HERVEY (**192**), b. Feb. 13, 1803; lived in Antrim and had a saw-mill; m., Feb. 4, 1834, Minda Gregg. Children:

246. Mary G., b., Antrim, Nov. 9, 1834.

247. Caroline, b., Antrim, Sept. 3, 1836.

248. Charles F., b., Antrim, July 27, 1841; enlisted in Co. G, Second Regt., N. H. V., was severely wounded in the face and discharged for disability, Oct. 31, 1862.

249. Margaret, b., Antrim, May 14, 1843.

250. Sarah, b., Antrim, May 20, 1847.

251. RALPH (**193**), b. May 2, 1805; m., July 4, 1844, Hannah L. Hale. Child:

252. Lydia Morette, b. Dec. 21, 1845; m., April 5, 1877, Timothy L. Hale.

253. MARK (**196**), b. May 22, 1812; a farmer, and lives on the homestead; m., Sept. 29, 1836, Elizabeth Rockwood. Children:

254. Henry A., (**292**), b. Sept. 4, 1839.

255. Abbie A., b. Nov. 3, 1846; m. Henry L. Emerson.

256. LORENZO (**197**), b. July 15, 1814. A cabinet-maker; lived several years in Wilton, then removed to Peterborough and bought a farm near Noone's factory. He m., Oct. 29, 1839, Lavinia L. Brown. Children:

257. Alma L., b. Nov. 3, 1842; m., Oct. 1, 1868, Charles W. Hunter; res. Peterborough.

258. George W., b. Feb. 22, 1845. Res. in Silver City, New Mexico; has held the offices of notary, judge of probate, county commissioner, school commissioner and post-master. He m., Dec. 25, 1877, Louisa Truesdell.

259. Alonzo A., b. July 9, 1849; m., Oct. 24, 1871, Carrie P. Keen; res. Lynn, Mass.

260. Mary A., b. April 26, 1852; m. Joseph R. Allen, a carpenter living in Kingston, New Mexico.

261. Willis C., b. Jan. 6, 1855; a deputy sheriff, living in Georgetown, New Mexico.

262. VARNUM S. (**199**), an adopted son, b. Jan. 21, 1815; lived in Henniker, Wilton and in Cambridgeport, Mass.; m., May 5, 1839, Caroline S. Gibson of Henniker.

263. Joseph, b., Henniker, March 9, 1839.

264. Charles Varnum, b., Henniker, Feb. 7, 1841; was a lieut. in First Mass. Cavalry.

265. Homer C., b., Wilton, April 5, 1846.

266. Caroline E., b., Wilton, Oct. 27, 1851.

267. Edward H., b., Wilton, July 9, 1854.

268. JOSHUA M. (**205**). A tailor; lived a few years in Wilton and then removed to Milford. He m., Dec. 14, 1843, Helen M. Barnes. Child:

269. Charles H. (**295**), b., Wilton, March 19, 1844.

270. EZRA (**208**), b. Dec. 22, 1802. A mason; lived in Wilton until 1870, when he removed to Burlington, Coffey Co., Kansas. He m., Nov. 11, 1824, Lucy Lawrence, dau. of Jonas Lawrence; she d. July 31, 1830. He m., 2d, Nov. 1, 1830, Abby Holt of Temple, who d. Oct. 26, 1846; see Abiel Holt gen. (**7**). He m., 3d, Feb. 23, 1847, Joanna, dau. of Henry and Susan Howard. Children:

271. Ezra Wilder, b. Dec. 12, 1826; d. 1829.

272. Daniel Freeman, b. Sept. 17, 1832; d. Nov. 9, 1833.

273. George Franklin, b. July 10, 1835; m.; spent a few years in California, returned to Wilton and remained until 1870, when he went to Burlington, Kansas.

274. Mary Jane, b. July 20, 1838; d. Feb. 1, 1840.

275. Abbie Sophia, b. Sept. 7, 1841.

276. John Minot, b. Sept. 30, 1846.

277. Joanna Howard, b. Nov. 30, 1847.

278. JOHN (**210**), b. Oct. 3, 1806; d., 1839. When the stage line through Wilton was started, 1828, he became a proprietor and driver, and was connected with the line until his death. He m., Feb., 1826, Dorcas W. Winn, who d. 1842. Children:

279. Amanda, b., Nashua; d. Jan., 1836.

280. Abby Francia, b., Nashua; d. Sept. 15, 1834.

281. Edward Lewis, b., Nashua; d. Oct. 13, 1835.

282. Edward Lewis, b., Nashua; d. Aug. 15, 1838.

283. WARREN (**215**), b. July 23, 1820; lived on the homestead; m., Nov. 16, 1848, Mary W. Whitcomb of Henniker. Children:

284. Edwin W., b. Jan. 21, 1850.

285. Mary E., b. March 25, 1853; d. Sept. 26, 1875.

286. Willard F., b. Nov. 14, 1856; d. Aug. 30, 1861.

287. EMILY J. (**239**), b. Oct. 16, 1830; m., Jan. 1, 1850, John A. McGregor; he has served two years as selectman since he came to Wilton. Children:

288. Frank (McGregor), b. Aug. 3, 1852; d. Dec. 30, 1875.

289. Ella A. (McGregor), b. Dec. 6, 1856; d. Aug. 16, 1857.

290. Linnie (McGregor), b. July 16, 1858; m., Oct. 19, 1880, Rufus S. Bruce.

291. Alice (McGregor), b. Oct. 28, 1865; m., Nov. 20, 1883, John Spence.

292. Henry A. (**254**), b. Sept. 4, 1839. A wheelwright and maker of writing-desks and fancy-boxes; employs from five to seven hands. He m., July 4, 1869, Emily F. Pierce. Children:

293. Harry P., b. June 7, 1870.

294. Myrtie F., b. July 12, 1873.

295. Charles H. (**269**), b., Wilton, March 19, 1844; a machinist, and has, for several years, lived in North Chelmsford, Mass.; m., Nov. 10, 1870, Georgiana K. Bales. See Bales gen. (**34**). Children:

296. Leon Brooks, b. March 27, 1872; d. July 23, 1873.

297. Fannie Gertrude, b. April 6, 1875.

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1. Abiel Holt, b., Lunenburg, Mass., April 8, 1744; d., Temple, Jan. 11, 1811. He settled on lot No. 11, in the range that was taken from Wilton and annexed to Temple when that town was incorporated. He did military service at different times during the Revolution. He m., 1775, Sarah, dau. of Job Abbot of Pembroke. She was b. 1751, and d. Oct. 9, 1854, aged 103 yrs.

2. Abiel, son of preceding, b. Nov. 25, 1778; lived on the homestead; m., Jan. 31, 1799, Elizabeth, dau. of Deacon Samuel Howard. Children:

3. Abiel, b. Sept. 29, 1799; has lived in Pittsburg, Temple, Wilton and Merrimack; m., May 12, 1825, Betsey, dau. of Nathan Colburn.

4. Phebe Howard, b. Aug. 27, 1801.

5. Daniel, b. Nov. 6, 1803; m. Eliza Pratt, and lived in Prattville, Ala.

6. Elizabeth, b. June 2, 1805; m. Burleigh Blood and res. in Pittsburg, Coös Co.

7. Abigail, b. July 16, 1807: d. Oct. 28, 1846; m., Nov. 1, 1830, Ezra Holt of Wilton. See Nicholas Holt gen. (**270**).

8. Sarah, b. Feb. 17, 1810; m. Peter U. Colburn and lived in Nashua.

9. Joseph (**13**), born Sept. 27, 1813.

10. Mary, b. Nov. 26, 1815; m. William L. Morgan.

11. James Howard (**16**), b. Aug. 16, 1818.

12. Leander (**22**), b. Oct. 4, 1820.

13. Joseph (**9**), b. Sept. 27, 1813. He lived in Wilton for several years, then bought the farm formerly owned by his father and still occupies it. He m., Nov. 17, 1835, Eveline Blanchard. See Thomas Blanchard gen. (**73**). Children:

14. Freeman; has a farm in Temple.

15. Lewis A., m., June 28, 1870, Orietta F. Gage. See Gage gen.

16. James Howard (**11**), b. Aug. 16, 1818. Has a cider-mill, and manufactures milk-can stopples and knobs. He m., March 23, 1843, Nancy Pierce, of Jaffrey, who d. Aug. 20, 1869; m., 2d, 1870, Lucy H.

Hawkins, who was killed by lightning, July 11, 1876; m., 3d, Nov. 21, 1878, Louise J. Goodspeed. Children:

17. Samuel P., b. Sept. 1, 1845; enlisted from Dublin and d. in the army, Oct. 24, 1864.

18. James Abiel (**27**), b. May 22, 1847.

19. Nathaniel K., b. Nov. 24, 1855; m. Ella Lindsley and lives in Milford.

20. Charles Daniel, b. Nov. 29, 1857.

21. Emma R., b. Sept. 21, 1864.

22. LEANDER (**12**), b. Oct. 4, 1820; has been a manufacturer of knobs; has lived, for a time, in Roxbury, Mass., and for several years past in Saratoga, N. Y.; m. Mary Griffin. Children:

23. Josephine Elizabeth.

24. Alvan Everett.

25. Francis Eugene.

26. Franklin E. (**30**), b. April 21, 1852.

27. JAMES ABIEL (**18**), b. May 22, 1847; makes milk can stopples and knobs; m., Nov. 20, 1870, M. Lizzie Dodge. Children:

28. Hattie F., b. May 31, 1872.

29. Fred A., b. July 13, 1877.

30. FRANKLIN E. (**26**), b. April 21, 1852. He is an agent of A. H. Dunlap of Nashua for selling garden seeds and also a manufacturer of suspenders. He m., May 10, 1874, Emma B. Munsey of Chichester. Children:

31. Eldora Emma, b. July 9, 1875.

32. Franklin E., b. May 13, 1877; d. Oct. 29, 1877.

HOPKINS FAMILY.

1. BENJAMIN HOPKINS, b., Milford, Oct. 15, 1797. Early in the war of 1812 he enlisted from Mont Vernon. A furlough, dated Dec. 15, 1813, and a certificate of discharge, dated Dec. 15, 1814, speak of his zeal and fidelity in his service as a soldier. He has been a res. of Wilton most of the time since the close of the war of 1812. He lived some years where Moses Clark's house now stands, working in saw mills and shingle mills. He bought, about 1830, the mill site now occupied by Messrs. Patterson & Son, and built a saw mill and a threshing mill. In 1864 he sold his mill to the New Hampshire Silex Co. In Nov., 1841, he bought the east part of the farm formerly owned by Dea. William L. Bales, and occupied it until he sold it to D. Whiting & Sons. He m., April 17, 1819, Peggy Hutchinson. See Hutchinson gen. (**34**). Children:

2. Benjamin, b. Nov. 12, 1820; he has res. many years in New Boston.

3. Hermon, b. Aug. 12, 1824. About 1857 he built on Mill brook, on lot No. 17, seventh range, a grist and saw mill, but discontinued the grist mill after running it several years. He m. Mary Ann Stiles; n. ch.

4. Phebe M., m., Nov. 15, 1859, David C. Lane.

5. William (**6**), b. Aug. 30, 1838.

6. WILLIAM (**5**), b. Aug. 30, 1838. He has been employed for several years by D. Whiting & Sons. He m., June 14, 1864, Emily Ann Burton. See Burton gen. (**84**). Children:

7. Willis Benjamin, b. June 30, 1865.

8. Edward James, b. July 29, 1870.

HOWARD FAMILY.

1. LEWIS HOWARD, b., Temple, Nov. 14, 1804, was the son of William and Mary (Hawkins) Howard. See Hawkins gen. (**17**). In April, 1821, he went to Andover, Mass., to learn the carpenter's trade of John Brown, and worked in Andover and Lowell until May, 1827, when he came to Wilton and finished the brick Baptist meeting-house. He worked at his trade in various places; in Bangor and Brewer, Me., and in Lowell, Mass., until Aug., 1850, when he came to Wilton and bought the mill at the West village. In Oct., 1870, he removed to Temple, where he now res. While a res. of Wilton, he served three years as selectman, was administrator of several estates, and did considerable business as justice of the peace. He had one son and one daughter.

HOWE FAMILY.

1. ISRAEL HOWE was enrolled, April 27, 1775, in Capt. William Walker's co., which was present at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The pay-roll, dated Aug. 1, 1775, gives him credit for three months and twelve days' service. He m. Eleanor ———, who d. Sept. 22, 1775. He m., 2d, April 29, 1877, Submit Keyes.

2. Eleanor, b. Sept. 1, 1772; d. Oct. 7, 1775.

3. Phebe, b. Aug. 26, 1774; d. Sept. 10, 1774.

4. Israel, b. April 15, 1778.

5. Mitte, b. Oct. 11, 1779.

6. Phebe, b. April 6, 1781.

7. Eleanor, b. Sept. 28, 1784.

HUTCHINSON FAMILIES.

1. RICHARD HUTCHINSON, of Arnold, England, b. 1602. He emigrated to America, 1634, with his wife, Alice, and four children, and settled in Salem near Hathorne's Hill. Two of his children had descendants living in Wilton.

2. Elizabeth, b., England, 1628; d. June 24, 1688. She m. Nathaniel Putnam, who came to America with his father in 1634. They were the ancestors of the Putnams settled in this part of New Hampshire, also of Ebenezer Flint of Wilton. See Flint gen. (**6**).

3. Joseph (**4**), b. 1633.

4. JOSEPH (**3**), b. Muskham, Eng., 1633.

5. BENJAMIN, son of preceding by first wife, m., 1st, Jane, dau. of Walter and Margaret Phillips, by whom he had 11 children. She d. 1711.

6. BENJAMIN, son of preceding, b., Salem, Jan. 27, 1694; d., Bedford,

Mass., 1780. He probably removed to Bedford about 1734. He m., Feb. 7, 1715–16, Sarah, dau. of John and Mary (Nurse) Tarbell; 7 ch.

7. NATHAN, son of preceding, baptized at the First Church, Salem, Feb. 10, 1717; d. 1795. He removed to Bedford with his father, 1734, and later to that part of Amherst now Milford, and died there. He was a large land-owner in Milford, and recorded deeds show that he owned several lots in Wilton. He built a saw and grist-mill, the second mill in Wilton, where the Messrs. Whiting's grist-mill now stands. We find the first mention of the mill in the town records for April 27, 1768; see page 69. Nathan gave to his son, Samuel, the west part of lots numbered 12 and 13, first range in Wilton, and to his son, Ebenezer, the east part of same lots, both deeds dated March 8, 1788. He m. Rachel Stearns. Children:

8. Nathan, lived in Milford on the farm now owned by the heirs of the late Holland Prouty.

9. Bartholomew, lived in Milford on the farm now owned by Mr. Searles.

10. Benjamin, lived in Milford on the south side of the road, opposite B. F. Hutchinson's.

11. Sarah, m., about 1770, Ephraim Peabody. See Peabody gen.

12. Samuel (**14**) b., Amherst, now Milford, 1749.

13. Ebenezer (**24**), b., Amherst, Sept. 10, 1756.

14. SAMUEL (**12**), b., Amherst, now Milford, 1749; d. Sept. 27, 1821. A farmer and miller; much respected as a townsman. He lived in the house, afterward burned, that was situated where H. A. Whiting's house now stands. He m. Mary Wilkins, who d. June 29, 1841, aged 89 years. Children:

15. Samuel (**35**), b. Nov. 19, 1775.

16. Mary, b. Sept. 17, 1777; d. Sept. 19, 1838; m., March 12, 1801, Joshua Blanchard; see Blanchard gen. (**58**). She m., 2d, Moses Gage of Pelham.

17. Rachel, b. June 3, 1799; m., March 17, 1803, David Lovejoy; see Lovejoy gen.

18. Jotham (**37**), b. April 11, 1781.

19. Frederick (**41**), b. July 10, 1783.

20. Betsey, b. July 3, 1785; m., March 16, 1809, Richard Gage. See Gage gen. (**11**).

21. Abiel (**49**), b. Nov. 1, 1787.

22. Fanny, b. May 5, 1790; m., July 12, 1812, Putnam Wilson; see Wilson gen.

23. Solomon, b. March 27, 1792; a musician and lived in Nashua; m. Catherine P. Flynn.

24. EBENEZER (**13**), b., Amherst, Sept. 10, 1756; a farmer and lived where Artemas Putnam now res.; m., Feb. 3, 1780, Phebe Sawtell, who was b., Shirley, Mass. Children:

25. Ebenezer, b. Sept. 18, 1780; d. Jan. 23, 1845. A farmer. He m., Dec. 22, 1803, Rhoda Dale, who d. June 27, 1852; they had several children. See Dale gen. (**18**). He removed, Jan., 1804, to Weld, Me.

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26. Phebe, b. June 21, 1782; m. Jotham Hutchinson (**37**).

27. John, b. July 10, 1784; d. Oct. 28, 1853. He was a lieut. of militia. He m. Esther Lakin of Francestown, who was drowned in the Souhegan river, Nov. 28, 1850.

28. Hezekiah, b. May 14, 1786; m., Oct. 6, 1807, Rachel Gould. A carpenter and lived in Bedford and in Lowell, Mass., where he d. March 18, 1852.

29. Sylvester (**63**), b. June 21, 1789.

30. Sylvanus (**71**), b. Aug. 12, 1791.

31. Asenath, b. Aug. 16, 1793; m. Daniel Hopkins.

32. James (**76**), b. June 12, 1797.

33. Stearns, b. June 13, 1800; d. Dec. 26, 1860; res. Francestown; m., Nov. 11, 1824, Nancy H. Houston.

34. Peggy, b. Nov. 4, 1802; m., April 6, 1819, Benjamin Hopkins. See Hopkins gen. (**1**).

35. SAMUEL (**15**), b. Nov. 19, 1775; res. Milford; m. Martha, dau. of Silas and Sibyl (Reed) Howard; thirteen children, of whom one lived in Wilton:

36. Freeman (**78**), b. Oct. 24, 1805.

37. JOTHAM (**18**), b. April 11, 1781; m. Phebe Hutchinson (**26**). Children:

38. Maria, b. Feb. 14, 1811.

39. Harvey (**88**), b. Aug. 6, 1816.

40. Alathena, b., May 4, 1819.

41. FREDERICK (**19**), b. July 10, 1783; m., Aug. 8, 1811, Mary Dale. See Dale gen. (**20**). Children:

42. Charles, b. Jan. 20, 1812; removed to Pepperell and worked in the shoe factory; m., Nov. 30, 1842, Thyrza Shattuck; n. ch.

43. Mary, b. Oct. 20, 1813; m., April 28, 1840, Nathaniel Hesselton. See Hesselton gen. (**29**).

44. Lydia, b. Feb. 5, 1816; she was killed in the autumn of 1818 by a cart-body falling upon her.

45. Abel F., b. June 27, 1818; a merchant, living in Mechanicsburg, Ohio; m. Mary Mowry.

46. Lyman, b. Oct. 28, 1820; d. March 19, 1822.

47. Lydia, b. Feb. 27, 1823.

48. Lyman F., b. Sept. 13, 1827; m., May 15, 1852, Joanna Sophronia, dau. of Robert and Eliza Ann Hutchinson of Milford. She d. April 16, 1881, aged 44 yrs.; five children, all d. young.

49. ABIEL (**21**), b. Nov. 1, 1787; he, with his brother Frederick (**41**), lived on the homestead and carried on the mills. He m., Nov. 13, 1813, Sophia Pettengill; m., 2d, Sarah Miller. Children:

50. Sophia, b. Aug. 10, 1815.

51. Abiel, b. June 22, 1817.

52. Orin, b. Aug. 25, 1819.

53. Laorsa, b. Aug. 26, 1821.

54. Sarah Melissa, first child by second wife, b. Sept. 25, 1828.

55. Sardis Miller, b. May 11, 1830.

56. Stephen Barnard, b. Oct. 4, 1831.

57. Andrew Jackson, b. Nov. 30, 1833.

58. William D., b. April 9, 1835.

59. Oscar, b. Aug. 12, 1836.

60. Albert, b. March 11, 1838.

61. Aman, b. Aug. 25, 1839.

62. George D., b. April 26, 1844.

63. SYLVESTER (**29**), b. June 21, 1789; d., Wilton, March 29, 1858. A life-long resident of Wilton; worked several years in the factory. He m., Dec. 15, 1815, Charlotte Blanchard, who d. Jan. 26, 1871, aged 74 yrs. Children:

64. Emily, b. Feb. 27, 1816; d. Aug. 29, 1859; m. Samuel Brown, who d. April 13, 1882, aged 74 yrs.; he worked many years for Messrs. Jones & Co.

65. Isaiah, b. Jan. 26, 1819. He worked many years in the tannery at Milford; a few years since he bought a farm in Amherst and in the spring of 1884, while ploughing, he dropped dead behind the plough. He m. Celesta A. Brown.

66. Ferdinand Sylvester (**91**), b. March 16, 1821.

67. Edward, b. June 12, 1823; a musician.

68. Isaac B., b. Sept. 11, 1826; lives in Nashua; m., Nov. 8, 1849, Sarah O. Hinds.

69. Appleton, b. April 18, 1829; enlisted in the Fifth Regt., N. H. V., and served until discharged for disability; m. Mary Currier.

70. Albert, b. June 23, 1833.

71. SYLVANUS (**30**), b. Aug. 12, 1791; he was in trade several years at Pine Valley; m., Aug. 4, 1818, Hannah Hopkins. Children:

72. Betsey R., b. Oct. 26, 1826; d. 1843.

73. Emeline, b. April 7, 1829; m., Sept. 25, 1850, Henry H. Travers.

74. Sylvanus (**94**), b. Oct. 12, 1831.

75. Jane L., b. Oct. 12, 1831; m. Isaac P. Abbot, who was b., Jackson, Me., March 1, 1826; res. Milford.

76. JAMES (**32**), b. June 12, 1797; d. Jan. 2, 1876. A farmer and worked several years in a bobbin shop. He m., Jan. 26, 1836, Lucinda Reed, who d. June 6, 1870, aged 69 yrs. Child:

77. James Harrison (**96**), b. Aug. 14, 1840.

78. FREEMAN (**36**), b. Oct. 24, 1805; m. Louisa Moore. Children:

79. Maria Louise, b. July 29, 1828; m., March 18, 1844, Joseph A. Brown; res. Nashua.

80. Martha Jane, b. Feb. 11, 1830; d. Oct. 13, 1846.

81. Matthew Freeman, b. Feb. 11, 1830; d. July 6, 1847.

82. Francis Clifton, b. March 17, 1832.

83. Dorinda Beulah, b. March 7, 1834; m., Nov. 16, 1869, Calvin H. Lewis.

84. Charles Leroy, b. Feb. 18, 1837; served in the Lafayette Artillery while it was on garrison duty at Portsmouth; now res. in Lyndeborough.

85. James W., b. Dec. 24, 1839; mustered, June 5, 1861, into Co. G, Second Regt., N. H. V., mustered out, June 21, 1864; d. Nov. 2, 1885.

86. Timothy Newell, b. July 21, 1842. He was mustered, June 5, 1861, in Co. G, Second Regt., N. H. V.; was wounded in the shoulder at the second battle of Bull Run, and through the right lung at Gettysburg; mustered out June 21, 1864. He m., Jan. 13, 1869, Sarah Catherine Parkhurst.

87. Isaac Newton (**102**), b. May 15, 1844.

88. Harvey (**39**), b. Aug. 6, 1816; m., April 9, 1846, Hannah, dau. of Capt. Isaac Jewett. Children:

89. Marietta, b. Nov. 28, 1851.

90. Hannah Jane, b. Oct. 6, 1856.

91. Ferdinand Sylvester (**66**), b. March 16, 1821; at the burning of H. A. Whiting's barn, June 27, 1883, he dropped dead in the street. He worked several years for Asa Jones & Co., and, during the last years of his life, was in the grocery trade. He m., April 28, 1846, Lucy Jane Barrett, who d. Nov. 15, 1863, aged 38 yrs. See Eben. Barrett gen. (**17**). He m., 2d, Mrs. Mary A. P. Duncklee. Children:

92. Oliver B., b. June 16, 1849; unm.

93. Elwin A., b. Dec. 25, 1858; clerk in Boston.

94. Sylvanus (**74**), b. Oct. 12, 1831; worked for Messrs. Jones & Co.; m., Sept. 29, 1853, Clarinda Langdell. Child:

95. Ina C., b. Oct. 23, 1868.

96. James Harrison (**77**), b. Aug. 14, 1840. A carpenter and farmer. He m., June 6, 1863, Emma T. Moore, who d. Oct. 15, 1865; m., 2d, Oct. 25, 1866, Emeline Wheeler of Milford, who d. Oct. 18, 1873; m., 3d, Dec. 31, 1873, Carrie M. Cowan. Children:

97. Eva S., b. March 8, 1865.

98. Bertha B., b. March 18, 1868.

99. Rose M., b. March 28, 1875.

100. Alice P., b. Aug. 26, 1877.

101. Everett F., b. May 15, 1881.

102. Isaac Newton (**87**), b. May 15, 1844. He was mustered, Aug. 21, 1862, as a recruit, into the Second Regt., N. H. V., and was promoted to Serg. A stone-cutter and quarry-man. He m., Feb. 25, 1871, Emma L. Morse, who was b., Royalston, Mass., June 15, 1851. Children:

103. May Louise, b. March 7, 1874; d. May 27, 1874.

104. Annie Mabel, b. April 13, 1876; d. Feb. 15, 1878.

105. Myron Jay, b. Oct. 15, 1880.

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1. George Hutchinson, son of Ambrose and grandson of Joseph (**4**) of preceding gen., was b., Salem, Mass., Nov. 1, 1730. He m. Elizabeth Bickford of Middleton, Mass., by whom he had seven children; m., 2d, Susan Bevins, by whom he had five children.

2. James, son of preceding, was enrolled April 23, 1775, in Capt. Josiah Crosby's co., Col. Reed's regt.; was mortally wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill and d. June 24, 1775. He m. Sarah Averill, who was appointed, Sept. 27, 1775, admx. of his estate. She m., May 25, 1779, Ebenezer Chandler of Wilton. See Chandler gen. (**15**).

3. JAMES, son of preceding, b., Amherst, April 28, 1772. He at first owned and lived on the farm in the west part of Wilton that has for many years been occupied by Jesse D. Carkin. After his second marriage, he owned and lived on the farm, lot No. 9, fourth range, now belonging to his grandson, James M. Hutchinson. "He was a man of dignified appearance, nearly, or quite, six feet tall and proportionately large; communicative and interesting in narratives pertaining to the history of his time."* He m., July 4, 1797, Ruth, dau. of Abner and Ruth Stiles; she d. Aug. 7, 1823, aged 50 yrs. He m., 2d, Sept. 23, 1824, Anna Spalding. Children:

4. James (**8**), b. Nov. 20, 1800.

5. Abner Stiles (**18**), b. Dec. 10, 1803.

6. Sarah, b. Sept. 23, 1806; m., Oct. 17, 1833, Jesse D. Carkin. See Carkin gen. (**1**).

7. John (**24**), b. May 10, 1815.

8. JAMES (**4**), b. Nov. 20, 1800. A mechanic and farmer; lived in Wilton, Temple and Merrimack. He held the office of fife-major in the Twenty-second Regt., N. H. Militia, when Ezra Bales was drum-major. They both excelled, and continued to play until the militia was disbanded in 1851; the man who could not keep step to their music could have had neither military ardor nor a musical ear. James m., May 1, 1823, Mary F. Melendy; m., 2d, Nov. 9, 1826, Sarah Farrar. Children:

9. Mary, b. March 31, 1824; m., Nov. 27, 1845, Henry Gray. See Gray gen. (**99**).

10. James Melendy (**33**), b. Nov. 2, 1825.

11. Sarah, m., A. P. Dutton, a trader in Nashua.

12. Thomas Beede; unm.; deceased.

13. Daniel.

14. George W., b. Feb. 27, 1833. A farmer.

15. Abner E.

16. Francis Martin.

17. Charlotte, m. ——— Robbins of Peterborough.

18. ABNER STILES (**5**), b. Dec. 10, 1803. He learned the trade of clothier of Aaron Barnes in Temple, and soon after coming of age went to Harrisville and has since been busied in the woolen factories there. Many years ago he represented Harrisville in the Legislature. He m., 1833, Mary Harris, who was b., Nelson, July 12, 1809. Children:

19. Mary Ann, b. July 29, 1834; d. Oct. 29, 1876.

20. Albert, b. May 26, 1836; m. Mary B. Davis of Nelson; lives in New Orleans, La., and is engaged in selling sewing machines.

21. Henry N., b. Aug. 1, 1839; res. Boston; is an agent for selling sewing machines; m. Abbie C. Kimball of Harrisville, who d. Feb. 9, 1877.

22. Isabel, b. Aug. 5, 1850; is in the post office at Harrisville.

23. Juliet, b. Jan. 10, 1852; d. March 13, 1861.

24. JOHN (**7**), b. May 10, 1815. A farmer and peddler. He m., Nov. 1838, Asenath F., dau. of Joseph and Asenath (Pratt) Chandler. She d.

* "The Hutchinson Family; compiled by Perley Derby." To this volume we are chiefly indebted for the preceding facts.

June 30, 1851. He m., 2d, Feb. 17, 1852, Nancy A. Rideout. Children:

25. John Stiles, b. March 23, 1844. He was mustered into Co. B, Eighth Regt., N. H. V.; reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864, and served through the war. He fell from a building in Nashua, July 13, 1885, and was so injured as nearly to incapacitate him for labor.

26. Francis A., b. June 13, 1846; d. May 7, 1851.

27. Charles A., b. Feb. 14, 1848; d. Oct. 10, 1851.

28. George Alva, b. Sept. 16, 1855; d. Nov. 15, 1855.

29. Anna Melvina, b. May 29, 1857.

30. Arabelle Mary, b. July 21, 1859; d. Oct. 26, 1863.

31. Willie Monroe, b. July 3, 1860; d. May 22, 1861.

32. Nellie N., b. April 22, 1863.

33. James Melendy (**10**), b. Nov. 2, 1825. A farmer and owns the farm, lot No. 9, fourth range, formerly belonging to Jonathan Spalding. He m., May 19, 1853, Mary E. Robinson, who was b. June 17, 1833. Children:

34. Mary Elizabeth, b. May 28, 1854; d. May 30, 1854.

35. Sarah E., b. Aug. 28, 1855; m., Sept. 25, 1878, Alfred E. Johnson. They have one child, Alfred Eugene, b. April 28, 1885.

36. Emma Marion, b. Sept. 10, 1857.

37. Persis Marietta, b. Oct. 20, 1859.

38. Flora Belle, b. Jan. 5, 1865; m., Aug. 10, 1885, William F. Boynton. They live in Greenville and have one child, Emma Belle, b. June 25, 1886.

39. Carrie Robinson, b. Aug. 4, 1870.

INGALLS FAMILY.

1. Oscar Gilman Ingalls res. several years in Concord. He came to Wilton about 1862, where he lived until after the death of his wife. He was a wheelwright and carpenter. He m., June, 1841, Eliza Ann, dau. of Edward and Nancy (Barrett) Herrick. See Herrick gen. (**81**). Children:

2. Cyrus Mervin (**4**), b. June 14, 1842.

3. Walter Chapin (**7**), b. June 18, 1848.

4. Cyrus Mervin, (**2**), b. June 14, 1842. He has been employed for many years on the railroad. He m., Sept. 6, 1869, Katie C. Wetherbee, who d. Sept. 8, 1884. Children:

5. Edward Gilman, b. March 23, 1871.

6. Charles, b. Aug. 18, 1872; d. Sept. 8, 1884.

7. Walter Chapin (**3**), b. June 18, 1842. A skilled carriage painter. He m., Boston, Oct., 1869, Agnes M. Lanergan, who d. 1887. Children:

8. Oscar Myrtle, b. June 14, 1870.

9. Alice Belle, b. Feb. 26, 1879.

JAQUES FAMILY.

1. Alfred E. Jaques was b., Sanbornton, March 31, 1823. He came to Wilton in 1867, and filled the store under the west part of the Whiting

House, where he traded until the building was burned. He was appointed post-master, Aug. 4, 1875, and has conducted the office to the present time with the entire satisfaction of the public. He m., July 25, 1853, Sarah E. Hazelton, who was b., Northfield, May 12, 1830. Child:

2. Mary Ann, b., Tuftonborough, Apri 14, 1855; m., Aug. 14, 1876, Frank E. Hutchinson of Milford.

JONES FAMILIES.

1. Amos Jones, is first mentioned in Wilton in 1802. He owned the east part of lot No 16, ninth range, lived here about fifteen years, and then removed to Goffstown. Lieut. Jones was of large and robust physique, industrious and busied himself with farming and mechanical pursuits. Children by his wife, Rebecca:

2. Polly, b. Jan. 13, 1804.
3. Hannah, b. July 25, 1805.
4. Rebecca, b. Oct. 28, 1806.
5. Newman, b. March 19, 1809.
6. Fanny, b. Aug. 13, 1811.
7. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 9, 1813.

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1. Joel Jones came from Hillsborough, and was first taxed in Wilton in 1813. His farm was the west half of lots numbered 15 and 16, ninth range.

2. Asa, son of preceding, soon after coming to Wilton, went to Mont Vernon, where he learned the tanner's and shoe maker's trade. In 1819 he purchased of William Parker of Wilton his tannery, and soon commenced shoe making, using himself the stock from his tannery. He continued to carry on tanning and shoe making until 1830 or 1831, when he sold out to Marden & Mills, and removed to Ashburnham. In 1832 he returned to Wilton and built the brick house at the Centre, now owned by Mrs. Henry H. Livermore. He carried on his business at the Centre for several years, when he removed to the East village, where he remained the rest of his life. Several persons were at different times partners with him: namely, his son, Warren Jones, William Lane, Samuel Putnam, Moses Clark and Calvin B. Dascomb. The business was carried on by Mr. Jones and his successors until about 1881, when competition with manufacturers, who had introduced improved machinery, made it impracticable to continue the business without a new outfit of machinery. The sales were wholly with the country trade, and no goods gave better satisfaction than those made at that establishment. Mr. Jones m., Sept. 11, 1819, Lucy Flint of Mont Vernon. See Flint gen. (**28**). Children:

3. Endo B., b. Sept. 12, 1820; d. May 23, 1823.

4. Phebe S., b. Sept. 4, 1822; m., May 14, 1845, Samuel Putnam. See Putnam gen.

5. Martha Jane, b. April 1, 1825; m., June 4, 1845, John F. Parker. See Parker gen.

6. Almira, b. Nov. 5, 1827; m., Jan. 20, 1858, Calvin B. Dascomb. See Dascomb gen. (**39**).

7. Warren (**9**), b. Sept. 16, 1829.

8. Sarah, b. Jan. 25, 1832; d. Aug. 10, 1832.

9. WARREN (**7**), b. Sept. 16, 1829. He was many years engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. He m. Ariana Gowing. Child:

10. William Clarence, b. Sept. 25, 1850. A blacksmith. He m., Sept. 20, 1871, Harriet E. Fowler. See Fowler gen.

KENNEDY FAMILY.

1. MICHAEL KENNEDY, b., Ireland, Dec., 1836. He began, May, 1866, to work for Messrs. D. Whiting & Sons, and has been continuously in their employ for more than twenty years, which, considering the many troubles of late years between employers and employees, speaks well of Mr. Kennedy as an employee, and of the Messrs. Whiting as employers. He has been for several years one of the police. Some years ago he built a house in the south part of the village, and in 1882 he purchased the southeasterly part of the Samuel Hutchinson farm, lying on the south side of the Souhegan river. He m., Feb. 18, 1860, ——— O'Donnell. Children:

2. Nella, b. Feb. 15, 1861.

3. Thomas, b. Nov. 19, 1865.

4. Eugene, b. Nov. 6, 1867.

5. Mary, b. Aug. 19, 1869.

6. Michael, b. Aug. 19, 1871.

7. James, b. June 19, 1873.

8. Patsy, b. April 10, 1875.

9. Katie, b. Nov. 7, 1877.

KENNEY FAMILY.

1. DAVID KENNEY was probably the first blacksmith in Wilton. We learn from the transcript of a road, dated 1765, that he had a shop on the west side of the road, and the north side of the brook, near where Cragin's factory now stands. In Quarter Master Frye's ammunition account is the following item: "June 17, delivered 550 rounds for Capt. Crosby's co. to David Kenney." He was in Capt. Goss's co. at the battle of Bennington. We have found no record of his family, but he undoubtedly had four children:

2. Mary, m. Abraham Burton. See Burton gen. (**29**).

3. Archelaus, who was in Capt. Crosby's co. at Bunker Hill, and in Capt. Barron's co. at Ticonderoga.

4. Daniel (**6**).

5. David (**14**).

6. DANIEL (**4**), owned and res. on the place owned by Nathan Cragin and F. P. Kent. He sold his farm to Walter Fisk, deed dated April 5, 1796. In the list of those who met with losses in the retreat from Bunker Hill is the name of Daniel Kenney, but the name of David, or of Daniel

Kenney, is not found on the rolls of either Stark's or Reed's regt., but the circumstances before mentioned show that they were both at the battle of Bunker Hill. Children by his wife, Sarah:

7. Sally, b. Feb. 15, 1781.
8. Daniel, b. July 20, 1784.
9. Jerusha, b. Oct. 10, 1786.
10. Edvardus, b. Aug. 25, 1788.
11. Betsey, b. Sept. 15, 1790.
12. David, b. June 27, 1792.
13. Huldah, b. Jan. 4, 1795.
14. DAVID (**5**), d. 1820; he res. on the homestead, lot No. 17, sixth range; the house being on the south side of the road north of Cragin's shop. He sold his farm to Eliphalet Putnam and removed to Springfield, Vt., in the winter of 1808. He m., Jan. 16, 1794, Sally Boynton of Milford. Children:
15. David, b. Nov. 2, 1799.
16. Hiram, b. Nov. 4, 1802.
17. Sally, b. Oct. 4, 1804.
18. Clemens, b. Oct. 24, 1808.

KEYES FAMILY.

1. JOHN KEYES, son of Deacon John Keyes of Shrewsbury, Mass; b. in 1716; m., Nov. 25, 1741, Abigail, dau. of Dea. Jonathan Livermore of Northborough, b. April 10, 1724. Children:
2. Simon (**14**), b. Oct., 1742.
3. Abigail, b. Dec. 26, 1743; m. William A. Hawkins. See Hawkins gen. (**1**).
4. Phebe, b. March 17, 1745; m. Stephen Buss. See Buss gen (**1**).
5. Elizabeth, b. April 7, 1746; m. Joshua Blanchard. See Blanchard gen. (**39**).
6. Submit, b. Sept. 2, 1747; m. Israel Howe. See Howe gen. (**1**).
7. Lydia, b. May 6, 1749, m. Uriah Smith.
8. Sarah, b. June 20, 1751.
9. John, b. Aug. 7, 1753.
10. Thomas, b. July 8, 1755.
11. Silas (**28**), b. Aug. 7, 1757.
12. Rhoda, b. March 30, 1759; m. William Bales, Jun. See Bales gen. (**2**).
13. Ephraim, b. March 14, 1761.
14. SIMON (**2**), b. Oct., 1742; d. Oct. 29, 1802. He bought of Rev. Jonathan Livermore, June 8, 1764, lot No. 12, seventh range, being one of the lots drawn for the first settled minister. He also bought of Joseph Holt, April 10, 1792, the west part of lot No. 11, seventh range, the place owned by the late George Parkhurst. We have not found that he served personally in the army of the Revolution, but he paid to Amos Holt, Jun., one of the three years' men from Wilton, £7 10s., and paid to Peter Putnam for one months' service at West Point in 1780, £2 8s. He m., Sept. 5, 1766, Lucy ———, who d. April 2, 1801. Mrs. Keyes and four of her

Asa Jones.

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children d. of the terrible fever that prevailed in Wilton in 1801. See page 191 of this History. Children:

15. Simon, b. Aug. 15, 1767.

16. Lucy, b. Aug. 29, 1769; m. Artemas Childs.

17. Phebe, b. Aug. 28, 1771; m. Samuel Sheldon, Jun. See Sheldon gen.

18. Abijah, b. June 30, 1773; d. 1845; m., Oct. 5, 1799, Sally Abbot, dau. of Nathaniel Abbot.

19. Solomon, b. June 30, 1774.

20. Abigail, b. Oct. 14, 1775; m. Amos Lawrence.

21. Thomas, b. Aug. 7, 1777; d. July 22, 1801.

22. Sally, b. Dec. 30, 1780; d. July 2, 1801.

23. John, b. March 2, 1783; d. March 8, 1801.

24. Jeduthan, b. March 2, 1785.

25. Ezra, b. July 26, 1787; d. March 28, 1801.

26. Hannah, b. Aug. 19, 1789; m. John Simonds.

27. Eber, b. Feb. 4, 1792.

28. SILAS (**11**), b. Aug. 7, 1757; d. Aug. 18, 1840. He res. in Wilton, and in Princeton and Northborough, Mass., but removed, Feb., 1809, to Temple. His brother-in-law, Uriah Smith, paid him for two months' service in the army at Bennington, 1777, twenty dollars. He m. Sarah Lovejoy of Methuen, who d. June 19, 1830. Children:

29. Sarah, b., Wilton, May 1, 1782.

30. Jemima, b., Princeton, Mass., Feb. 16, 1784.

31. Silas (**39**), b., Princeton, Dec. 29, 1785.

32. Phebe, b., Princeton, Aug. 17, 1787.

33. Ephraim, b., Princeton, March 21, 1789.

34. Jonathan (**42**), b., Princeton, March 6, 1791.

35. Joanna, b., Northborough, Mass., Feb. 7, 1793.

36. Persis, b., Northborough, Mass., Feb. 15, 1795.

37. Abigail, b., Northborough, Mass., May 11, 1797.

38. Warren, b., Northborough, Mass., June 23, 1799. He was a wheelwright and farmer, and owned and res. several years on the Beede farm in Wilton, at which period he represented the town in the Legislature one year. He sold his farm and removed to Temple. He m., Nov. 6, 1823, Lucy W. Cummings of Temple.

39. SILAS (**31**), b. Dec. 29, 1785; he res. on the homestead of his father in Temple, and worked at farming and mechanical business. He m. Rebecca Pratt. Children:

40. John Warren (**49**), b. Sept. 17, 1833.

41. Sarah L.

42. JONATHAN (**34**), b. March 6, 1791; d. April 7, 1864. He was a farmer and lived a few years on the farm now owned by William Abbot. He sold that farm and bought and carried on successfully the farm formerly owned by Joshua Blanchard. He m., Sept. 30, 1819, Miriam Tyler, who d. Dec. 17, 1839. He m., 2d, July 5, 1840, Dorcas Elliot of Mason, who d. April 30, 1867. Children:

43. Edward, b. Aug. 5, 1820; d. Aug. 28, 1857. He m., June 4, 1850,

Louisa Newton of Worcester, Mass., who lived but a few months after her marriage. He m., 2d, Jan. 31, 1853, Eliza Anna Elliot of Mason.

44. Silas, b. 1822; d. Sept. 11, 1825.

45. Eliza Ann, b. June 2, 1826; d. Feb. 2, 1847. She m., Nov. 27, 1845, George Lovejoy of Milford. An infant son d. Oct. 11, 1846.

46. Maria Lovejoy, b. Nov. 5, 1828; d. May 13, 1860.

47. Silas, b. Feb. 28, 1831; m., Oct. 25, 1860, Lizzie Condon of Harton, N. S.

48. George Henry (**56**), b. April 4, 1836.

49. JOHN WARREN (**40**), b. Sept. 17, 1833; a farmer and res. at West Wilton. He m., Sept. 23, 1858, Betsey A. Melendy, who was b. Sept. 13, 1838. Children:

50. Eva S., b. Nov. 9, 1860.

51. Ada R., b. May 26, 1864.

52. Edwin W., b. July 25, 1868.

53. Susan, b. Jan. 21, 1872.

54. Joseph S., b. May 9, 1874.

55. Otis S., b. Oct. 8, 1877.

56. GEORGE HENRY (**48**), b. April 4, 1836. He res. on the homestead of his father, containing about 110 acres, and of out-lands he has 5 acres in Wilton and 60 in Milford. He keeps a large herd of cows, and sells milk to D. Whiting & Sons. He was awhile in trade at East Wilton in company with Thomas H. Dillon. He has served several years as selectman. He m., Nov. 24, 1858, Abby A. Gutterson of Milford. Child:

57. Arthur Louis, b. Dec. 2, 1862. He was one year at Tufts College.

KIDDER FAMILIES.

1. EPHRAIM KIDDER, b. in Lyndeborough, Jan. 3, 1791; d. Aug. 3, 1858. He came to Wilton in 1840, and he and his wife res. in Wilton until their death. He m., 1810, Betsey Boffee; b. July 28, 1792; d. May 14, 1878. Children:

2. John B. (**7**), b. Aug. 16, 1811.

3. Eliza, b. March 14, 1814; m. Burnham Russell of Lyndeborough.

4. Thomas K., b. June 9, 1817.

5. Anna, b. Sept. 16, 1822; d. May 15, 1868; m. John Burton. See Burton gen. (**92**).

6. Martha, b. Aug. 19, 1828; d. July 2, 1832.

7. JOHN B. (**2**), b. Aug. 16, 1811. He bought the farm, lot No. 18, fifth range, on which Col. Philip Putnam was the original settler, and occupied it until after the death of his wife. He was captain of the Lafayette Artillery co., which held its organization for a longer period than any other military company in New Hampshire. He m., April 15, 1834, Mary Russell, who was b., Mont Vernon, Dec. 9, 1807, and d., Oct. 22, 1879. Children:

8. Mary Orinda, b. Oct. 15, 1835; m. Artemas Putnam. See Putnam gen.

9. John Perkins, b. July 1, 1838; a house painter and res. in Leominster, Mass. He m. Abbie Foss.

10. Diana, b. Nov. 7, 1841; res. in Leominster, Mass.; m. Horace W. Rice, who d. July 28, 1883. They had two children.

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1. THOMAS B. KIDDER, son of Job Kidder, b., Goffstown, Sept., 1798; d. Nov. 1, 1870. He was a shoemaker, and came to Wilton in 1834, and worked for Messrs. Jones & Co., as long as he was able to work. He m., July 4, 1819, Sarah Perkins, who d. July 27, 1879, aged 88 yrs. Children:

2. Sarah Jane (**7**), b. May 19, 1820.

3. William Clark, b. Nov. 19, 1821. He worked for several years at shoemaking, but for a long time he has been in trade with his brother-in-law under the firm-name of Kidder & Whitney. He m., Nov., 1845, Caroline, dau. of Capt. Pliny Whitney of Milford; n. ch.

4. Alden Augustus, b. April 25, 1824. He res. many years in Meredith. He enlisted in the Twelfth Regt., N. H. V., and was promoted to sergeant. A short time before his term of three years was out, he was wounded through his left lung and shoulder blade which so far disabled his left arm that he is prevented from doing many kinds of work. He has been employed for some years as an assistant at the Asylum for the Insane in Concord. He m. Julia Clinton of Bangor, Me. They had one child.

5. Edward (**14**), b. Jan. 6, 1828.

6. Sophronia, b. Oct. 3, 1831; d. May 30, 1865. She m. Henry A. Fisk, and had one child that d., Aug., 1865, seven months old.

7. SARAH JANE (**2**), b. May 19, 1820; m., April 2, 1845, James Martin, who came to Wilton in 1847, and has since res. here. Children:

8. George P. (Martin), b. April 10, 1848; d. Aug. 19, 1863.

9. Mary Jane (Martin), b. April 23, 1849; d. June 29, 1863.

10. Frank Pierce (Martin) (**17**), b. June 21, 1853.

11. William Todd (Martin), b. June 17, 1855; d. Dec. 3, 1869.

12. Sarah Estella (Martin), b. Sept. 5, 1857; d. June 21, 1863.

13. Carrie (Martin), b. May 3, 1860.

14. EDWARD (**5**), b. Jan. 6, 1828; a shoemaker. He m., Dec. 1, 1854, Ellen Libbey. He m., 2d, Nov. 15, 1865, Mary J. Dutton. Children:

15. Charles, b. March 1, 1859.

16. Nellie M., b. March 28, 1861. She m., Jan. 30, 1880, Henry Tracy, and res. in Fitchburg.

17. FRANK PIERCE (MARTIN) (**10**), b. June 21, 1853. He has been for many years overseer in the spinning room of Hillsborough Mills in West Milford, Pine Valley. He m., Sept. 25, 1877, Myra Elizabeth Hopkins, b. Dec. 29, 1853. Children:

18. Ernest Richard (Martin), b. Oct. 14, 1878.

19. Frank Perley (Martin), b. Sept. 20, 1880.

KIMBALL FAMILY.

1. JOHN KIMBALL, b. March 8, 1767; d. Dec. 13, 1853. His parents belonged in Wenham, Mass., and had a family of twelve children, of

whom he was the third. He was a shoe-maker by trade and lived in Temple until 1802, when he bought the farm of Abijah Perry in the southwest part of Wilton, and removed there. He was a prosperous farmer and a good citizen. He m., 1797, Abigail Billings, who d. Oct. 31, 1814; m., 2d, April 11, 1816, Anna, dau. of Rev. Jonathan Livermore, who d. June 5, 1824. See Livermore gen. He m., 3d, March 26, 1829, Achsah Spalding, who d. April 27, 1873, aged 84 yrs. Children:

2. John (**13**), b., Temple, June 7, 1798.

3. Anna Hunt (**19**), b., Temple, Aug. 4, 1800.

4. Harriet, b., Wilton, Dec. 24, 1802; d. May 16, 1806.

5. Achsah (**24**), b., Wilton, Oct. 30, 1804.

6. Daniel Raymond, b., Wilton, Sept. 25, 1806; d. Oct. 21, 1859; unm. He kept a livery stable in Lowell.

7. Granville, b., Wilton, May 9, 1808; d. Jan. 22, 1873; unm. He lived in Buffalo, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., and in Chicago, Ill., and carried on an extensive transportation business.

8. Augustine (**31**), b., Wilton, July 9, 1810.

9. Samuel Livermore (**33**), b., Wilton, Jan. 10, 1817.

10. Abigail, b., Wilton, March 14, 1819; d. Dec. 29, 1886.

11. Jonathan Bowers (**41**), b., Wilton, May 16, 1821.

12. Mary, b., Wilton, Feb. 3, 1823; d. in 1825.

13. John (**2**), b., Temple, June 7, 1798; d. Aug. 5, 1838. He settled in Lowell, and was for several years proprietor of the Livermore House, at that time one of the first hotels there. He was afterwards appointed deputy sheriff. He m., April 29, 1823, Hannah King of Wilton. See King gen. (**11**). Children:

14. John Francis, b., Lowell, Mass., Sept. 23, 1824. He res. in Lowell, and is president of the Appleton National Bank. He m., Aug. 27, 1847, Clara Blanchard of Wilton. See Blanchard gen. (**69**).

15. Harriet Maria (**44**), b., Lowell, Mass., Dec. 20, 1825.

16. Henry Lee, b., Lowell, Mass., July 17, 1828; d. Nov. 2, 1832.

17. Mary Elizabeth (**49**), b., Lowell, Mass., July 24, 1834.

18. Charles Raymond (**56**), b., Lowell, Mass., June 11, 1837.

19. Anna Hunt (**3**), b., Temple, Aug. 4, 1800; d. May 16, 1864. She m., May 29, 1823, Moses Spalding, and res. in Wilton. See Spalding gen. Children:

20. Edward Henry (Spalding), b., Wilton, March 12, 1825.

21. Isaac Kimball (Spalding), b., Wilton, July 21, 1826; deceased.

22. William Ritter (Spalding), b., Wilton, April 8, 1828.

23. John Augustine (Spalding), b., Wilton, May 29, 1837.

24. Achsah (**5**), b. Oct. 30, 1804; res. in Lowell, Mass., and of late years in Boston. She m., Oct. 12, 1830, John McAlvin of Lowell, who was b., Antrim, Jan. 9, 1800, and d., Lowell, Feb. 5, 1866. Children:

25. John Henry (McAlvin), b., Lowell, Aug. 2, 1831; res. in Lowell, and is a prosperous business man; city treasurer from 1869 to 1883. He m., Jan. 4, 1854, Nellie M. Ives of Pittsford, Vt.; 3 ch.

26. William Francis (McAlvin), b., Lowell, March 27, 1833; d. July 29, 1834.

27. Granville Kimball (McAlvin), b., Lowell, July 27, 1835; res. in Boston, and is superintendent of the Aged Men's Home.

28. Frances Jane (McAlvin), b., Lowell, April 12, 1838; m., Oct. 25, 1866, Stephen B. Smith of Lowell; 1 ch. Res. Boston.

29. Annie Emily (McAlvin), b., Lowell, Feb. 12, 1840; res. Boston.

30. George Warren (McAlvin), b., Lowell, Aug. 9, 1843; d. Jan. 10, 1845.

31. AUGUSTINE (**8**), b., Wilton, July 9, 1810; d. Sept. 16, 1848; settled in Nashville, Tenn.; m. Mrs. Jones of Louisville, Ky. Child:

32. Granville; is about forty years of age; is a travelling freight agent for the Michigan Southern R. R.

33. SAMUEL LIVERMORE (**9**), b., Wilton, Jan. 10, 1817; res. on the homestead in Wilton, and is a prosperous farmer. He m., Sept. 5, 1849, Betsey E. Graves, who was b., Mt. Holly, Vt., Feb. 12, 1827, and d. Feb. 6, 1876. Children:

34. A daughter b. and d. Dec. 30, 1851.

35. John Raymond (**63**), b., Wilton, May 16, 1853.

36. Anna Livermore (**66**), b., Wilton, March 30, 1855.

37. Mary Ellen (**69**), b., Wilton, Nov. 15, 1857.

38. Abby Isabelle, b., Wilton, Nov. 26, 1860; m., Dec. 25, 1885, George M. Batchelder of Wilton. See Batchelder gen. (**38**).

39. Frank Bowers, b., Wilton, Jan. 14, 1863.

40. Fannie Marion, b., Wilton, March 23, 1868.

41. JONATHAN BOWERS (**11**), b., Wilton, May 16, 1821; res. in Chicago. He m., March 27, 1850, Augusta M. York. Children:

42. Marion Augusta, b., Lowell, Mass., Dec. 7, 1851.

43. Belle, b., Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1856; d. Aug. 28, 1858.

44. HARRIET MARIA (**15**), b., Lowell, Mass., Dec. 20, 1825; res. in Lowell, Mass. She m., Oct. 3, 1844, Frederic Parker, who grad., Harvard College, 1833, and was a lawyer. He d. Jan. 29, 1857. She m., 2d, May 19, 1859, Sidney Spalding. Children:

45. Frederic Henry (Parker), b., Lowell, Aug. 9, 1845; d. June 5, 1849.

46. Charles Edward (Parker Spalding), b., Lowell, Sept. 24, 1848.

47. Frederic Augustus (Parker Spalding), b., Lowell, Dec. 30, 1853.

48. Harriet Sidney (Spalding), b., Lowell, Aug. 7, 1865.

49. MARY ELIZABETH (**17**), b. July 21, 1834; res. in Wilton. She m., Sept. 20, 1855, Harvey A. Whiting. See Whiting gen. Children:

50. Isaac Spalding (Whiting), b., Wilton, Dec. 7, 1858.

51. George (Whiting), b., Wilton, Feb. 16, 1861.

52. John Kimball (Whiting), b., Wilton, Jan. 22, 1863.

53. Fanny (Whiting), b., Wilton, June 26, 1868.

54. David (Whiting), b., Wilton, July 7, 1870.

55. Charles Frederic (Whiting), b., Wilton, July 27, 1875.

56. CHARLES RAYMOND (**18**), b., Lowell, Mass., June 11, 1837; a druggist and apothecary; res. in Lowell. He m., Nov. 24, 1859, Sarah Frances Paul. Children:

57. John Arthur, b., Lowell, Aug. 23, 1860.

58. Mary Frances, b., Lowell, Dec. 19, 1863.

59. Charles Raymond, b., Lowell, Nov. 19, 1867; d. Dec. 5, 1870.

60. Henry Raymond, b., Lowell, Sept. 6, 1870.

61. Frederic Spalding, b., Lowell, Aug. 17, 1874; d. July 26, 1875.

62. Ralph Grosvenor, b., Lowell, Aug. 29, 1876.

63. JOHN RAYMOND (**35**), b., Wilton, May 16, 1853; res. in Nashua, a milkman. He m., Dec. 25, 1881, Delora Tarbell of Wilton. Children:

64. Anne Lora, b., Nashua, Nov. 21, 1882.

65. John Tarbell, b., Nashua, Dec. 20, 1883.

66. ANNA LIVERMORE (**36**), b., Wilton, March 30, 1855; d. Aug. 13, 1882. She m., April 9, 1879, Nelo W. Tarbell of Lyndeborough. Children:

67. Samuel Kimball (Tarbell), b., Lyndeborough, Jan. 2, 1880.

68. Josephine Frances (Tarbell), b., Lyndeborough, July 15, 1881.

69. MARY ELLEN (**37**), b., Wilton, Nov. 15, 1857; has lived in Amherst and Nashua. She m., Dec. 25, 1881, Frank Wheeler. Children:

70. Bessie May (Wheeler), b., Amherst, April 12, 1883.

71. Karl Winfield (Wheeler), b., Nashua, Jan. 28, 1886.

KING FAMILY.

1. RICHARD KING is described in a deed, given at Chelmsford, Mass., April 21, 1753, as "a cabinet maker & joyner." He removed to Wilton in 1769, and bought of James Maxwell, lot No. 3, eighth range. He purchased, March 2, 1774, a pew in the then new meeting-house, situated against the south wall, front of the house, and the second west of the front entrance. The deed is still extant. His foot lathes remained in his shop many years after his death, and specimens of his handicraft, antique and substantial, are still in existence. His granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah K. Thurston of Far Rockaway, N. Y., still living in the ninety-second year of her age, well remembers him and his excellent character. His daughters were distinguished for beauty of person, and amiability of disposition. They were also noted for industry and household virtues. He m. Lucy Butterfield, who d., Wilton, Sept. 13, 1783, aged 50 yrs. He m., 2d, Sarah Wooley of Westford, Mass., who d. 1808. Children:

2. Lucy, b. May 18, 1760; d., Andover, Vt., Nov. 18, 1842. She res. first in Mason, and removed, about 1794, to Andover, Vt., experiencing the many hardships of pioneer life. She m., Dec. 30, 1784, Joseph Abbot, Jun., who was b., 1758, and d., 1835. They had six children, the births of two of them being recorded in Wilton.

3. Mary, b., 1762; d. Sept. 25, 1854. She m., Nov. 5, 1782, Joseph Chandler of Andover, Mass., who d. Nov. 3, 1815. She had ten children, the descendants of whom are scattered far and wide. One of the daughters was the wife of Deacon Oliver Barrett. See Barrett gen. (**14**).

4. Betsey, b. June 26, 1764. She res. in Keene, and had nine children, three by her first husband and six by her second one. She m., June 30, 1785, Joseph Abbot, 3d, and m., 2d, Thomas Baker.

5. Benning (**7**), b. July 11, 1767.

6. Sarah, b. about 1775; d. Sept. 3, 1794.

7. BENNING (**5**), b. July 11, 1767; d. Oct. 14, 1845. He was a prosperous farmer, and of sterling character. He m., Nov. 19, 1794, Abigail,

dau. of Ashby Morgan. She d. Nov. 12, 1855, aged 85. Her mother's family name was Greely. She was called by one of her descendants, "a paragon of excellence." She was an esteemed member of the Baptist Church, having been baptized by immersion at the age of 73. Children:

8. Samuel (**15**), b. Aug. 26, 1795.

9. Sarah, b. Feb. 4, 1797; res. in Wilton and Far Rockaway, N. Y. She m., Dec. 24, 1816, Ephraim Brown. See Brown gen. (**6**). She m., 2d, March 31, 1847, Nathaniel Thurston, who was b. June 23, 1797, and d., Wilton, April 4, 1874.

10. Abigail, b. May 1, 1799; d. Feb. 4, 1887. She m. Samuel Maynard of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was b., Shrewsbury, Mass., May 29, 1787, and d., Flatbush, N. Y., March 6, 1872, aged 85 years.

11. Hannah, b. June 28, 1801; d. Aug. 10, 1870. She m., April 29, 1823, John Kimball, who was b. June 7, 1798, and d. Aug. 5, 1838. See Kimball gen. (**13**).

12. Clarissa, b. March 7, 1804; d. Aug. 8, 1885. She m., April 11, 1826, Calvin Gray. See Gray gen. (**73**).

13. Mary, b. Jan. 4, 1807; d. May 1, 1885. Res. in Wilton and Groton, Mass. She m., Dec. 25, 1828, Isaiah Mansur. See Mansur gen.

14. Sanford (**23**), b. June 23, 1811.

15. Samuel (**8**), b. Aug. 26, 1795; d. June 20, 1862. He was a farmer and res. in Wilton; a man of great physical vigor. He once mowed on a wager six acres of grass in one day between sunrise and sunset. He was widely known as an officer in the militia, and was commissioned, July 1, 1829, as Col. of the 22d Regt. of N. H. militia. He was also captain of a volunteer company, called the "Miller Guards," which received a splendid standard from Gen. James Miller. On two occasions, in 1840 and 1861, he offered his services to the country as a soldier. He was a man of generous impulses and enthusiasm. He m., Sept., 1816, Rebecca Parkhurst, who d. June 9, 1817, aged 24. He m., 2d, Jan 27, 1820, Lydia, dau. of Rev. Jonathan Livermore, who d. March 4, 1871, aged 78. Children:

16. Rebecca, b. June 1, 1817. She res. in Andover, Mass. She m., May 15, 1836, Daniel P. Goldsmith, who d. Oct. 31, 1844. She m., 2d, Dec. 28, 1846, Benjamin Goldsmith of Jamaica Plain, Mass.

17. Elizabeth (**26**), b. 1822.

18. John, b. Jan. 1, 1826; res. in Charlestown, Mass.; a railroad clerk and superintendent of freight depot.

19. George, b. Dec. 29, 1829; res. in Charlestown, Mass.; a railroad clerk.

20. Josephine, b. Feb. 22, 1833; m. Henry B. Hunter; has res. in Lancaster, Ohio, and in Dakota.

21. Henry L., b. Dec. 21, 1834; a farmer, and res. in Petersham, Mass.

22. Mary W. (**29**), b. Feb. 4, 1838.

23. Sanford (**14**), b. June 23, 1811; d. in Temple Sept. 6, 1859. He was for many years a successful teacher. He purchased a farm in Temple and spent the last years of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was much respected. He m., Dec. 31, 1840, Susan Burnham of Pelham, who was b. April 19, 1818, and d., Lowell, Sept. 5, 1872. Children:

24. Charles Francis, b., Wilton, Jan. 30, 1843. He was fitted for college at Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, and at the Lowell High School, and grad., Dartmouth College, 1867, the second in his class. He has been principal of a grammar school in New Bedford, Mass., of the Collins School in Gloucester, and of the Lewis School in Boston; the last position he still holds. He opened, in 1885, at Saratoga, N. Y., "The National Summer School of Methods," the first and only institution of its kind in this country, designed to teach the art of pedagogy. He has also organized "The Teachers' National Reading Circle." He has made a specialty of geography, and is recognized by his writings and lectures as an authority on that subject. He has also preached for churches destitute of pastors. He m., Aug. 1, 1867, Elizabeth Boardman of Lowell, who was b. Sept. 28, 1842, in Preston, England.

25. Abbie Ann, b., Wilton, 1846; m., Nov. 29, 1880, Warren Burnham, and res. in Chicago.

26. Elizabeth (**17**), b. 1822; has res. in Lancaster and Cincinnati, Ohio. She m., July 15, 1844, Henry C. Whitman, son of Rev. Nathaniel Whitman of Billerica, Mass.; a distinguished lawyer and judge. Children:

27. Henry Medill (Whitman), b. June 24, 1845; a graduate of Harvard University, 1868; d. Aug. 16, 1869.

28. Channing Wood (Whitman), b. Aug. 24, 1846; a graduate of Harvard University, 1868. He has been for several years United States Consul at Huddersfield, England. He m. Mary Eels, March, 1871, who d., 1872. He m., 2d, Sept. 18, 1875, in Huddersfield, Mary England. He has one son, Henry, who was b. Feb. 18, 1872.

29. Mary W. (**22**), b. Feb. 4, 1838; res. in Greenville. She m., Jan. 29, 1859, James Taft, justice of the peace and postmaster. Children:

30. Herbert J. (Taft), b. Sept. 1, 1860; a lawyer, and res. in Greenville; m., Oct. 21, 1885, Ida F. Chamberlain.

31. Josephine M. (Taft), b. Sept. 20, 1862.

32. Florence (Taft), b. Sept. 29, 1866.

33. Winifred Livermore (Taft), b. April 28, 1879.

34. Beatrice King (Taft), b. April 28, 1879.

KNIGHT FAMILIES.

1. Wilder Knight came to Wilton when advanced in age. He and his wife resided here the remainder of their lives. His wife, Lucinda Knight, d. Nov. 25, 1867, aged 67 yrs. He d. Feb. 28, 1879, aged 86 yrs.

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1. David Knight res. a few years in Wilton. He d. Nov. 16, 1859, aged 60 yrs. Candace, widow of David Knight, d. Dec. 7, 1863, aged 60 years.

LANCEY FAMILY.

1. George Lancey was probably the first settler on lot No. 9, second range, now owned by Mrs. Abiah H. Howard. He was killed, Sept. 7,

Jonathan Livermore

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1773, at that deplorable accident of the fall of the meeting-house frame. Children by his wife, Elizabeth:

2. George, b. Nov. 11, 1766; d. April 5, 1849; a res. of Wilton during his life. He built the house that was owned many years by Isaac Blanchard and Isaac Blanchard, Jun., and also the one opposite Gardner Blanchard's that was burned down years ago. The houses he built, being long and of one story, were called "Lancey's saw-mills." He was a good hewer of timber, and could make a good frame. He was noted for talking to himself. He m., Oct. 16, 1794, Betsey, dau. of John and Sarah Stevens, who d. June 25, 1848, aged 77 yrs.

3. William, b. May 29, 1768.

4. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 15, 1772.

5. Zaccheus, b. Dec. 12, 1773.

LANE FAMILIES.

1. WILLIAM LANE, b., Meredith, Jan. 19, 1822; was from Laconia. He came to Wilton and worked for a while for Asa Jones and was for several years in company with him in the manufacture of boots and shoes. He was also several years at Milford in company with Mills & Lewis in the same business. He started in the leather trade in Boston, but was a heavy sufferer at the time of the great fire. Soon after he removed to Chicago, and eventually to Minneapolis and Boston. While in Wilton, he held offices in the militia, and was the last lieut.-col. of the 22d Regt. He also served one year as selectman, and one year as representative to the Legislature. He m., April 2, 1845, Emily, dau. of Capt. David Wilson. She was b., Wilton, Feb. 27, 1820, and d., Minneapolis, Minn., July 15, 1887. Children:

2. Helen Isabelle (**4**), b., Wilton, Feb. 11, 1846.

3. Emily Frances (**9**), b. Aug. 5, 1848.

4. HELEN ISABELLE (**2**), b., Wilton, Feb. 11, 1846; m., July 28, 1868, Melville Emerson Webb, M. D., who was b. March 3, 1843, and res. in Boston. Children:

5. Roy Lane (Webb), b., Saccarappa, Me., Sept. 20, 1869; d. Sept. 30, 1869.

6. Melville Emerson (Webb), b., Boston, Feb. 21, 1876.

7. Helen Sampson (Webb), b., Boston, April 1, 1881.

8. Mortimer Bruce (Webb), b., Boston, Aug. 27, 1882.

9. EMILY FRANCES (**3**), b., Wilton, Aug. 5, 1848; d. July 8, 1873; m., Jan. 31, 1871, John Dane Holt, who was b., Milford, Jan. 12, 1844, and d. July 28, 1872. Child:

10. Melvillena Lane (Holt), b., Boston, March 4, 1873.

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1. JOHN LANE was b., Ireland, June 23, 1821. He came to America in 1849, and worked for the Wilton Co. until their mill was burned in 1872. In 1877, he bought the farm in the southeast part of Wilton, on

which Benjamin Blanchard originally settled, where he has since res. He m., Oct. 19, 1854, Katherine Shea. Children:

2. John, b. July 19, 1855.

3. Daniel, b. Oct. 8, 1856.

4. Katie, b. March 2, 1859; m., Oct. 21, 1883, Thomas Cooley. See Cooley gen. (**1**).

5. Mary Ann, b. Feb. 15, 1860; d. Jan. 9, 1881.

LANGDELL FAMILY.

1. Joseph Langdell, son of Mark D. Langdell, was b., Mont Vernon, Sept. 30, 1826. He came to Wilton in 1849, and opened a livery stable, in which business he has continued to the present time. His teams are always in good order. He was for two years landlord of the hotel. He m., July 4, 1853, Sarah J. Gowing, who d. Sept. 7, 1877, aged 42 yrs. He m., 2d, Jan. 7, 1880, Mrs. Mary B. Barron. Children:

2. Ida B., b. Dec. 1, 1855; m. George A. Carter.

3. Luther Mark, b. June 12, 1881.

LAWRENCE FAMILY.

1. Amos Lawrence was at two different times a res. of Wilton. He was from Hollis, a cooper by trade, and lived several years on the place now owned by John B. Hickey. He m., Nov. 10, 1795, Abigail, dau. of Simeon Keyes of Wilton. See Keyes gen. (**20**). Children:

2. Sally, b., Hillsborough, April 6, 1797; m. William Blanchard. They were living a few years since in New York city.

3. Abigail, b., Wilton, April 16, 1799.

4. Roxalana, b., Enosburgh, Vt., Nov. 14, 1801. She m. Joseph Burtt. See Burtt gen. (**1**).

5. Lecty, b., Burlington, Vt., Dec. 29, 1803.

6. Friend, b., Burlington, Vt., June 4, 1806.

7. Rufus Wheeler, b., Burlington, Vt., Sept. 6, 1808.

8. Amos, b., Lyndeborough, Feb. 27, 1812; a blacksmith.

9. Eber Keyes, b., Wilton, June 7, 1816; drowned in Cragin's pond, Greenfield.

10. Obediah Witherell, b., Wilton, April 23, 1819.

LEWIS FAMILY.

1. John Lewis, b., Henniker, March 22, 1795. He lived for fifty years in Goshen, and came to Wilton in 1878, remarkable at that time for vigor and activity. He m., May 6, 1817, Joanna Holt, who d. Dec. 6, 1885, aged 88. Child:

2. Calvin H., b. March 27, 1825. He came to Wilton March, 1851. He has served several years as police officer, three years as selectman and eight years as overseer of the poor. He m., Nov. 27, 1851, Hannah A. Trow, who d., April 1, 1869, aged 38 yrs., 7 mos. He m., 2d, Nov.

16, 1869, Dorinda B. Hutchinson. See Hutchinson gen. (**83**). Children:

3. Ella Jane, b. June 3, 1854; d. Aug. 31, 1856.

4. Charlie, b. June 8, 1858; d. July 22, 1864.

LINCOLN FAMILY.

1. SETH LINCOLN was a native of Western, now called Warren, Mass., and was of English descent. He was a well-to-do farmer, and kept a large dairy. He m. Jemima Miller, a native of Holliston, Mass. She was of German descent. Child:

2. INCREASE SUMNER, b., Warren, June 20, 1799, the youngest of eight children. He grad., Yale College, 1822, and studied theology. He was ordained as pastor of the Cong. Church, Gardner, Mass., June 16, 1824, where he remained eighteen years. His last settlement was over the Unitarian Church in Wilton, where he still res., in his ninetieth year; the oldest minister in his denomination; a venerable patriarch whom all who know him revere and love. He was for ten years chaplain of the County Farm. See page 179. He m., 1822, Gratia Eliza Smith, who d., 1847; the dau. of Nathan Smith, M. D., professor in the Medical Department of Yale College. He m., 2d, Gardner, Mass., 1847, Mrs. Abbie Harwood, whose maiden name was Comer. His first wife was the mother of ten children, six of whom are living; his second wife of two children, one of whom is living.

All the seven children still living have married. One dau. is a widow aged 64 yrs. The eldest son, aged 60, grad. at Dartmouth College and at the Medical College in Baltimore and has been an eminent practising physician in Washington, D. C., for more than 30 years. The second son, aged 47, was an officer during the greater part of the Rebellion, and returned as col. of the Sixth Regt., Vt. V. He now has command of a military post, as an officer of the regular army. A dau., Abbie, m., Oct. 17, 1875, George W. Bridges. See Bridges gen. (**29**).

LIVERMORE FAMILY.

1. JOHN LIVERMORE, baptized Sept. 30, 1604, d. April 14, 1684, aged 78. He is supposed to be the ancestor of all the Livermores in the United States. The family lived in Little Thurloe, Suffolk, England. Their name was variously spelled, in the illiterate habit of the times, Leathermore, Lithermore, Lyvermore, Lyvermer, and Levermore. John Livermore embarked at Ipswich in April, 1634, on board the Francis, John Cutting, master, for America. He was a potter by trade. He was 28 years old. His first res. in the United States is not known, but in 1642 he was a freeman in Watertown, Mass. His wife's name was Grace and she d. in Chelmsford, Mass. The tradition is that she came over later than her husband, after he had established a home for his family. They had nine children, some of whom were born in England.

2. SAMUEL, sixth child of preceding John and Grace Livermore, b. 1640; freeman, May 31, 1671; d. Dec. 5, 1690. He was a maltster. He m. Anna Bridge, June 4, 1688, who d. Aug. 28, 1727, aged 81. They had twelve children.

3. JONATHAN, the sixth child of preceding, b. April 19, 1678; d. Nov., 1705, of a hurt in the stomach. He was a tanner by trade and res. in Watertown. He m., Nov. 23, 1699, Rebecca Barnes. They had four children, the first of whom was:

4. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 16, 1700; d. April 21, 1801, aged 100 years, eight months, and five days, having touched upon three centuries, the 17th, 18th and 19th. After he was 100 years old, he was able to ride out eight miles from home on horseback, and back again the same day. He lived in that part of Westborough, which was afterwards set off as a separate township, and called Northborough, of which he was the first town clerk. He was deacon of the Cong. Ch., and much engaged in public business as a surveyor, and in laying out new townships. He was a patriarch much respected in his day and generation. He m., June 23, 1723, Abigail Ball. He m., 2d, Nov. 16, 1775, Jane Dunlap. He had by his first wife eleven children, of whom the fifth was:

5. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 7, 1729; d. suddenly July 20, 1809. He grad. Harvard College, 1760, and was ordained as the first pastor of the Cong. Ch. in Wilton, Dec. 14, 1763, and resigned, Feb., 1777. For notices of his life see pages 130, 132, 252, 253. He m., Sept. 14, 1769, Elizabeth Kidder of Billerica, Mass., who d. Dec. 12, 1822, aged 79. Children:

6. Jonathan (**16**), b. July 10, 1770.

7. Elizabeth, b. June 11, 1772; d. April 15, 1842; unm.

8. Mary, b. July 26, 1774; d. June 19, 1797.

9. Nathan, b. Oct. 7, 1776; d. Feb. 23, 1852.

10. Solomon Kidder (**19**), b. March 2, 1779.

11. Anna (**28**), b. Aug. 20, 1781.

12. Samuel, b. April 14, 1784; d. Dec., 1786.

13. Samuel, b. Dec. 12, 1786; d. July, 1788.

14. Sarah White, b. July 20, 1789; d. July 3, 1874; unm. She was a teacher for many years, and wrote many pieces of fugitive poetry and prose.

15. Lydia (**33**), b. May 20, 1792.

16. JONATHAN (**6**), b. July 10, 1770; d. suddenly Dec. 24, 1845. He was a farmer, and res. on the homestead. He took great interest in the political history of the country, and was endowed with a remarkably retentive and reliable memory. He m., May 19, 1808, Abigail Abbot, dau. of Maj. Abiel Abbot. She d. June 5, 1812. Children:

17. Jonathan (**42**), b. April 24, 1809.

18. Abiel Abbot, b. Oct. 30, 1811; fitted for college at Philips Exeter Academy; grad. Harvard College, 1833, and at the Cambridge Divinity School, 1836. He was ordained over the Cong. Ch. in Keene, Nov. 2, 1836, and was pastor of the society until May, 1850. He was pastor of the Unitarian Church in Cincinnati, O., from 1850 till 1856; and of Hope Ch. in Yonkers, N. Y., from 1856 till 1863, since which time he has been president of the Meadville, Pennsylvania, Theological School. He was also editor of the Christian Inquirer, New York, from Jan. 1, 1857, till Sept., 1863. He m., May 17, 1838, Elizabeth D. Abbot of Windham, who d. Sept. 13, 1879. He m., 2d, June 18, 1883, Mrs. Mary A. (Keating) Moore, who

has two children, Rev. Walter C. Moore of Pepperell, Mass., and Mabel A. Moore.

19. SOLOMON KIDDER (**10**), b. March 2, 1779; d. suddenly July 10, 1859. He fitted for college at Mr. Pemberton's school in Billerica, grad., Harvard College, 1802, and res. in Milford. For a sketch of his life, see pp. 280, 281. He m., July 6, 1810, Abigail A. Jarvis of Cambridge, Mass. Children:

20. Leonard Jarvis, b. April 15, 1811; d. Nov. 28, 1822.

21. Henry Lee, b. Aug. 3, 1812; d. Dec. 7, 1847. He was a merchant in Baltimore, and m. Mary M. Hobby, who d. within a year after her marriage.

22. Thomas Atkins (**48**), b. Feb. 7, 1814.

23. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 22, 1815; d. June, 1817.

24. Elizabeth Abigail, b. March 28, 1818.

25. Rebecca Parkman Jarvis (**57**), b. Dec. 31, 1819.

26. Leonard Jarvis (**66**), b. Dec. 8, 1822.

27. Mary, b. Sept. 18, 1825; d. Nov. 16, 1850. She m., Sept., 1849, Frederic Fish of Fairhaven, Mass.

28. ANNA (**11**), b. Aug. 20, 1781; d. suddenly June 5, 1824. She m., April 11, 1816, John Kimball. See Kimball gen. (**1**). Children:

29. Samuel Livermore (Kimball), b. Jan. 10, 1817.

30. Abigail (Kimball), b. March 14, 1819; d. Dec. 29, 1886.

31. Jonathan Bowers (Kimball), b. May 16, 1821.

32. Mary (Kimball), b. Feb. 3, 1823; d. Aug. 17, 1825.

33. LYDIA (**15**), b. May 20, 1792; m., Jan. 27, 1820, Samuel King. See King gen. (**15**). Children:

34. Elizabeth (King), b. April 18, 1821.

35. Mary (King), b. Sept. 23, 1824; d. Dec. 13, 1824.

36. John (King), b. Jan. 7, 1826.

37. George (King), b. Oct. 6, 1829.

38. Mary (King), b. June 5, 1831; d. July 26, 1832.

39. Josephine (King), b. Feb. 21, 1833.

40. Henry Lee (King), b. Dec. 20, 1834.

41. Mary Wilson (King), b. Feb. 4, 1838.

42. JONATHAN (**17**), b. April 24, 1809; d. June 18, 1887. He built a house on the homestead, and was engaged in the farming and milling business. He m., Aug. 15, 1833, Mrs. Dorcas (Holt) Blodgett, who was b. May 23, 1809, and d. Feb. 13, 1887. See Holt gen. (**195**). Children:

43. Abigail Abbot, b. Jan. 7, 1835; m., Aug. 12, 1858, Eliphalet P. Dascomb. See Dascomb gen. (**41**). They res. in Wilton.

44. Abiel Abbot, b. Feb. 23, 1838; he enlisted Oct. 25, 1861, in Co. B., Eighth Regt., N. H. V.; d. July 3, 1863, at Port Hudson, La. The Wilton branch of the Grand Army Post is named after him.

45. Henry Harrison, b. Oct. 12, 1840; d. Sept. 5, 1843.

46. Mary Elizabeth, b. Aug. 29, 1844; m., Jan. 8, 1871, Martin Andrew Rockwood, and res. in Brookline.

47. Henry Harrison (**71**), b. Feb. 8, 1848.

48. THOMAS ATKINS (**22**), b. Feb. 7, 1814; d., Burlington, Ia., April 24, 1862. He was a dentist. He m., Sept., 1841, Harriet E. Smith of Galena, Ill. He m., 2d, Mary C. Langdon. Children:

49. Thomas Leonard, b. Aug. 28, 1842; d. Sept. 23, 1843.

50. Thomas Leonard Jarvis, b. Feb. 7, 1844. A lawyer in Boston; a colonel in the Union army in the Civil war. He m. Miss Daniels of Milford, and has several children:

51. James Kidder, b. Dec. 12, 1845; d. May 31, 1849, on a journey to California.

52. Charles W., b., Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 26, 1850.

53. Mary Elizabeth, b., Nevada City, Cal., Dec. 13, 1852; d. Jan. 8 1868.

54. William Henry Lee, res. St. Paul, Minn.

55. Harriet Elizabeth, m., Sept. 1884, John Walter Wells.

56. Nathaniel Lyon, res. in Motley, Minn.

57. REBECCA P. J. (**25**), b. Dec. 31, 1819; d., Milford, Oct. 9, 1886. She res. at Baltimore; m., Aug. 24, 1841, Joseph C. Manning, who d. June 17, 1884. Children:

58. Mary Elizabeth (Manning), b. Aug. 25, 1842; d. Feb. 19, 1872.

59. Charles H. (Manning), b. June 9, 1844; is an engineer on retired list of the U. S. Navy; m., 1871, Fanny L. Bartlett, and has three sons.

60. Jarvis C. (Manning), b. Nov. 30, 1845; d. by falling from a window, Oct. 2, 1846.

61. Joseph C. (Manning), b. July 26, 1847. A clerk in a bank; m., Jan., 1874, Laura R. Darley, and has five daughters.

62. Rebecca L. (Manning), b. July 8, 1849; d. March 15, 1885.

63. Henry Livermore (Manning), b. Jan. 11, 1852; d. Dec. 1, 1880.

64. Cleveland Pratt (Manning), b. May 28, 1854. He is a confidential clerk and property agent; m., June 5, 1888, Miss Russell of Baltimore.

65. Leonard Jarvis (Manning), b. May 11, 1856; grad., Harvard College, 1876; a teacher in the High School, Medford, Mass.; m., 1877, Mrs. Lina Cleveland.

66. LEONARD JARVIS (**26**), b. Dec. 8, 1822; d., Cambridge, May 30, 1866. He grad., Harvard College, 1842, and from the Cambridge Divinity School in 1846. He was a Unitarian minister, pastor of the churches in East Boston, Lexington, Clinton and Danvers; editor of the first edition of the Hymn and Tune book of the American Unitarian Association. He m. Mary Ann C. Perkins of Groton, Mass. Children:

67. Allina Mary, b., East Boston, April 1, 1848; d., Charlestown, Mass., March 23, 1881. She m., Dec. 13, 1876, Rev. Pitt Dillingham, a Unitarian minister, and had one child, Leonard Pitt, b. Feb. 10, 1881, and d. Oct. 15, 1882.

68. Clara Perkins, b., Groton, Mass., May 27, 1851; m., April 7, 1880, Frederic Perry Fish, a lawyer; res. in Cambridge, and has several children:

69. Joseph Perkins, b., Clinton, Mass., Feb. 19, 1855; is a civil engineer and res. in Boston; m., Oct. 5, 1880, Agnes A. Roberts, and has several children.

70. Henry Jarvis, b., Lexington, Mass., May 27, 1865; grad. at Harvard College, 1887.

71. HENRY HARRISON (47), b. Feb. 8, 1848; res. on the homestead, and is engaged in farming and milling. He m., March 23, 1879, Martha E. Boynton. See Boynton gen. (7). Children:

72. Abiel Abbot, b. Dec. 22, 1879.

73. Leon Jonathan, b. July 18, 1883; d. June 21, 1887.

74. Olive Boynton, b. Dec. 22, 1886.

An interesting christening service took place Aug., 1880, at the house built by Rev. Jonathan Livermore about one hundred and twenty-five years ago. Five ministers and a large number of parents and friends were present. Five infants, three small children, four misses and one lad were baptized, all but one of whom were descendants or relatives of the Livermore family.

LOVETT FAMILY.

1. JOHN LOVETT was in Wilton as early as 1795. His tax was but a trifle more than a poll tax until 1802, when he bought the place now owned by Albert Townsend, on which he res. till he sold the farm to John Mack in 1812, when he left the town. Children by his wife, Catharine:

2. Deborah, b. March 18, 1801.

3. James, b. Feb. 8, 1802.

4. Catharine, b. Sept. 18, 1804; d. young.

5. Catharine, b. March 7, 1806.

6. Anna Livermore, b. April 27, 1808.

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1. BALCH LOVETT, supposed to be a brother of John Lovett, was taxed in Wilton in 1805, and the two succeeding years. He was a noted rhymester, ready at any time to exhibit his skill. After the death of Rev. Abel Fiske, the house in which he lived was occupied for a time as a tavern, the sign hanging on the white oak tree which still stands there. Lovett, with others, being on the street near by, is asked to make a rhyme. Without hesitation, pointing to the sign, he said:

> "Upon that tree a sign I see, all covered up with leaves;
> That house was once a house of prayer, but now a den of thieves."

LOVEJOY FAMILIES.

1. MOSES LOVEJOY came to Wilton and settled where John McGregor now lives. He was enrolled, Sept. 29, 1777, in Capt. Philip Putnam's co., Col. Nichols's regt., that joined the northern continental army at Saratoga. Children by his wife, Dorcas:

2. Moses (7), b. March 29, 1778.

3. Dorcas, b. May 30, 1780.

4. Henry, b. May 14, 1782.

5. Ezekiel, b. Nov. 14, 1784; m., Feb., 1810, Eunice Gage.

6. Hannah, b. June 22, 1787.

7. Moses (**2**), b. March 29, 1778; d. Nov. 13, 1846. He res. on the homestead and was a prosperous farmer. He was an early member of the Baptist Church. About twenty-five years before his death his mind for a time appeared to be unbalanced. He m., Nov. 6, 1807, Nancy Tarbell of Mason, who d. Dec. 16, 1851, aged 65 yrs. Children:

8. Moses (**12**), b. Dec. 27, 1807.

9. Nancy, b. Jan. 19, 1811; m., Nov. 8, 1840, Ezekiel H. Lovejoy of Weston, Vt.

10. Mary Ann, b. Dec. 9, 1814; m.

11. Samuel Tarbell, b. Oct. 19, 1824; d. Oct. 29, 1853.

12. Moses (**8**), b. Dec. 27, 1807; he res. on the homestead until about 1872, when he sold it, and bought the farm that is on the westerly part of lot No. 11, sixth range. He held offices in the militia to the rank of captain in the Cavalry co. of the 22d Regt. He served eight years as one of the selectmen. He m., Oct. 2, 1838, Lucy C. Gray. See Gray gen. (**51**). Children:

13. Lucy Augusta, b. Oct. 31, 1841; d. March 16, 1876. She m., April 12, 1860, George Parkhurst. See Parkhurst gen.

14. Abbie N., b. Jan. 27, 1845; d. Feb. 4, 1875. She m., Aug. 1, 1865, ——— Whitney.

15. Susan Ella, b. Jan. 26, 1850; d. June 23, 1870.

16. Ida N., b. Nov. 13, 1856; d. Dec. 20, 1874. She m., Nov. 18, 1869, E. W. Major.

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1. Daniel Lovejoy, a brother of preceding Moses (**1**), settled near him. He was chosen deacon July 25, 1793. We have found no date when the brothers came to Wilton, but it was probably about the commencement of the Revolutionary War. Children by his wife, Abigail:

2. Hannah, b. March 18, 1778.

3. Daniel (**6**), b. April 25, 1779.

4. Phineas, b. Nov. 18, 1781.

5. Isaac Lovejoy, b. Dec. 27, 1783; m., Feb. 11, 1808, Dorcas Peabody; m., 2d, Hannah Peabody.

6. Daniel (**3**), b. April 25, 1779; he was a farmer and res. on the homestead. He held offices in the militia to the rank of captain. He m., Feb. 16, 1804, Phebe Lovejoy. Children:

7. Newton, b. Jan. 17, 1805.

8. Daniel, b. Jan. 24, 1808.

9. Phebe, b. Jan. 4, 1810.

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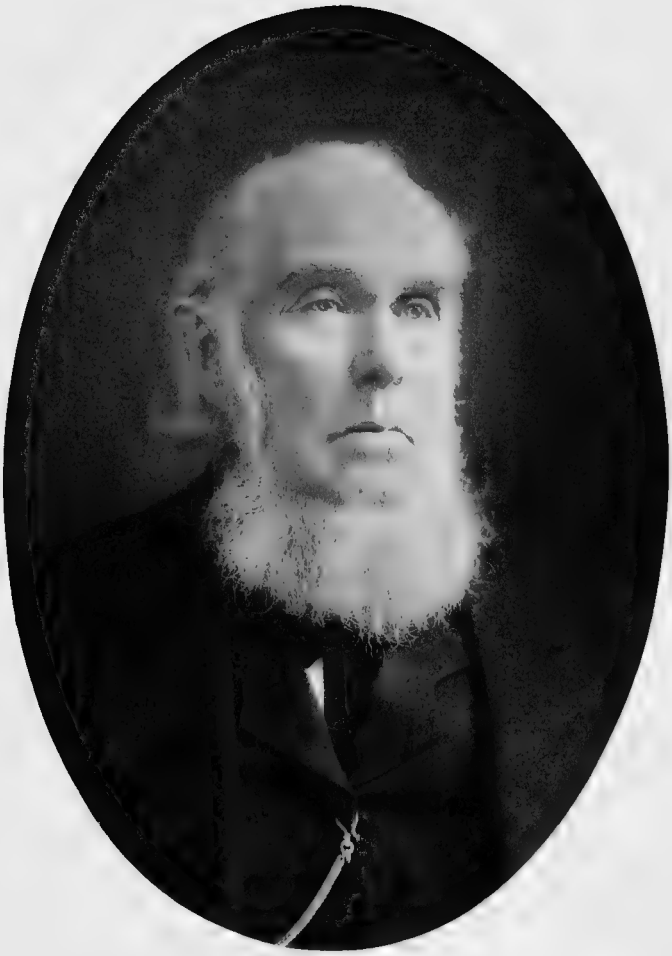
1. William Lovejoy was of the fifth generation from John Lovejoy, who emigrated from England and was one of the first settlers of Andover, Mass. Children:

2. William was taken prisoner and carried to Halifax, where he d. in prison.

3. Samuel (**5**).

4. Henry (**16**).



Moses Lovejoy

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5. SAMUEL (**3**), d. Oct. 6, 1801. He came to Wilton from Andover near the beginning of the Revolutionary war. He settled on lot No. 1, fourth range, where James Searle now lives. He also owned lot No. 1, fifth range. He served in Capt. Benjamin Taylor's co., at Winter Hill, in the winter of 1775–6. He was also in Capt. Philip Putnam's co., Col. Moses Nichols's regt., that marched Sept. 29, 1777, to join the northern army at Saratoga, the co. serving 27 days. He held offices in the militia to the rank of major, and served one year as selectman. He m. Lydia Abbot, who was b. Oct. 23, 1753, and d. Sept. 20, 1826. Children:

6. Samuel, b. July 30, 1775. He was a physician, and res. in Townsend, Mass. He m. Betsey Lawrence, sister of Amos and Abbot Lawrence, the noted Boston merchants. They had five sons and one daughter.

7. William, b. July 7, 1777; he was for many years a merchant in Milford, and a deacon of the church. He m. Esther Burns of Milford.

8. David (**26**), b. July 16, 1779.

9. Henry (**37**), b. Aug. 16, 1781.

10. Lydia, b. Sept. 11, 1783.

11. Hannah, b. Aug. 9, 1785; m., June 7, 1807, John Stevens. See Stevens gen.

12. Abiel, b. Oct. 22, 1787: a prominent man and for many years a merchant in Milford. He m. ——— Wade.

13. John, b. Dec. 11, 1789; a morocco manufacturer; m. and res. in Lynn, Mass.

14. Sally, b. June 9, 1792; res. in Natchez, Miss.; m. Stiles Stockwell.

15. Frederick, b. April 3, 1795. He was for several years engaged in the livery business in Amherst, and was one of the most expert horsemen of this vicinity. He became one of the first proprietors of the stage line between Nashua and Keene, and held an interest in it the rest of his life. He m. ——— Tuttle, by whom he had several children.

16. HENRY (**4**), is credited on the pay-rolls as serving in Capt. William Walker's co., from April 23, to Aug. 1, 1775. He also served two months and nine days in Capt. John Goss's co., Col. Nichols's regt., Gen. Stark's Brigade, in the Bennington campaign. He also served twenty-eight days in Capt. Benjamin Mann's co., in the Rhode Island campaign, Aug., 1778. He was last taxed in Wilton in 1799. He m. Elizabeth Cummings. Children:

17. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 31, 1782.

18. Henry, b. Feb. 26, 1784; d. in infancy.

19. Henry, b. May 2, 1786.

20. Jacob, b., Oct. 28, 1788; he was a cloth-dresser, and res. in Lyndeborough, Wilton, and other places. He m., Oct. 27, 1812, Polly Fletcher.

21. William, d. of consumption, soon after he attained manhood.

22. Ezra, b. March 2, 1794; he was a cloth-dresser, and res. in Steuben Co., N. Y. He m. ——— Ordway.

23. Amos, b. Nov. 27, 1796.

24. Polly, m. ——— Moore.

25. Sally.

26. DAVID (**8**), b. July 16, 1779; d. May 22, 1833. He was a farmer

and res. on the homestead. He was captain of the Seventh co., 22d Regt. of militia. He m., March 17, 1803, Rachel Hutchinson, who d. Dec. 21, 1865, aged 86 yrs. See Richard Hutchinson gen. (**17**). Children:

27. Lydia, b. Dec. 30, 1803; m., June, 1825, Charles M. Tolman; m., 2d, Henry Bragg, by whom she had one son, who served three years in the Second Regt., N. H. V.

28. Samuel, b. Feb. 20, 1806; a farmer, res. in Temple, and served some years as selectman. He m., March 13, 1834, Sally Pratt of Temple. He m., 2d, June 7, 1874, Philay Lovejoy.

29. Mary, b. June 21, 1808; m., June 15, 1837, Pierce Gage. See Gage gen. (**35**).

30. Abiel, b. May 25, 1810; a farmer and res. in Temple. He m. ——— Cutter.

31. William (**48**), b. March 3, 1814.

32. Isaac, b. June 16, 1816; d. Sept. 17, 1859. He was a farmer and res. in Wilton. He m., April 18, 1837, Philay Jefts, by whom he had four children; of the two living ones we have neither names, nor dates.

33. Clarissa, b. Sept. 10, 1818; m., Nov. 2, 1836, Willard French. See French gen. (**35**).

34. David, b. March 1, 1820. He res. in Wilton, is a boot and shoe maker, and worked many years for Messrs. Jones & Co., and their successors. He m., Nov. 16, 1843, Lydia A. Barnes; n. ch. See Barnes gen. (**10**).

35. Rachel, b. April 9, 1822; m., Nov. 27, 1847, Levi A. Pierce. See Pierce gen.

36. Sarah, b. Aug. 4, 1825; d. Nov. 3, 1854.

37. Henry (**9**), b. Aug. 16, 1781; d. Sept. 9, 1863. Before his marriage he began farming in the southern part of Greenfield, where he res. until 1816, when he sold his place, and bought a farm in Milford, where he lived the rest of his life. He m. Jan. 12, 1804, Persis, dau. of Maj. Abiel Abbot. She d. Nov. 13, 1859, aged 78 yrs. See Abbot gen. Children:

38. Henry (**52**), b. Nov. 8, 1804.

39. Samuel (**56**), b. Nov. 3, 1806.

40. Abiel, b. Dec. 14, 1808; d. Dec. 26, 1822.

41. Lydia, b. June 18, 1811; d. Aug. 4, 1811.

42. William, b. July 22, 1812; d. May 31, 1880. In company with his brother Samuel, he carried on the homestead until they divided their real estate, a few years before their decease. He m., Sept. 9, 1852, Syrena Holt.

43. Jacob Abbot, b. July 23, 1815; d. Sept. 25, 1815.

44. Persis, b. May 13, 1817; res. in Milford; m., Oct. 15, 1857, Eliphalet Putnam. See Putnam gen.

45. Sarah, b. Oct. 30, 1819; d. April 27, 1852.

46. Abigail, b. Jan. 13, 1823; d. June 8, 1852.

47. Phebe A., b. Feb. 4, 1826; res. in Milford.

48. William (**31**), b. March 3, 1814; a farmer, and res. in Francestown. He m., 1842, Elizabeth Coolidge of Hillsborough. He m., 2d, 1869, Mary Ann Smith of Nashua. Children:

49. Ann Elizabeth, b. 1844; d. 1856.

50. Sarah Lavinia, b. 1846; d. 1862.

51. Mary Caroline, b. 1848; d. 1881. She m., 1876, David N. Butterfield of New Boston, by whom she had one child that d. in infancy.

52. HENRY (**38**), b. Nov. 8, 1804; d. 1887. Soon after coming of age he went to Aroostook Co., Me., where he engaged in lumbering and other business. He was at one time in trade in Milford with C. C. Shaw, and also res. in Greenville a few years. About 1851 he went to New York City and engaged in electrotyping, in which for many years, under the firm-name of Lovejoy, Son & Co., he carried on an extensive business. He m., Oct. 19, 1832, Elizabeth Francis, who d. Feb. 8, 1837. He m., 2d, Oct. 5, 1837, Melinda C. Wheeler. Children:

53. Sarah Elizabeth, b. June 21, 1835; d. Aug. 6, 1835.

54. Henry William, b. April 19, 1839; he is of the firm of Lovejoy, Son & Co.

55. Elizabeth Francis, b. Dec. 24, 1845.

56. SAMUEL (**39**), b. Nov. 3, 1806; d. Sept. 26, 1881, from a fall in his barn. He was a farmer and res. on the homestead. He m., Sept. 29, 1859, Nancy Wright. Children:

57. Abby Elissie, b. March 17, 1862; m., 1881, Theron Fisher. They have two children.

58. Samuel Abbot, b. Nov. 2, 1865; res. on the homestead in Milford.

MACK FAMILY.

1. JOHN MACK, b. Ireland; d. Londonderry, 1753, aged 55. Nothing is known of the Mack family prior to John Mack. He came to America in 1732, and settled in Londonderry. He was a blacksmith, and a specimen of his work is preserved in the collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society. Before coming to America he m. Isabella Brown, dau. of Sir John Brown of Londonderry, Ireland. She d. about 1770. Children:

2. William, settled in Vermont.

3. Jeanette, settled in New York.

4. John, settled in New York.

5. Robert, a soldier in the French and Indian war, and also in the Revolutionary war as an armorer.

6. Martha.

7. Elizabeth.

8. Andrew (**10**), d. in 1820.

9. Daniel.

10. ANDREW (**8**), d. in 1820; res. in Londonderry; m. Elizabeth Clark, who d. in 1830. Children:

11. Jane, unm; d. in Londonderry.

12. Letitia, taught school in District No. 2, in Wilton, one term.

13. Elizabeth, m. David Stiles of Temple. See Stiles gen.

14. John (**19**), b. Aug. 7, 1780.

15. Isabella, d. young.

16. Robert, lived and d. in Londonderry as a prominent and honored citizen.

17. Andrew, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and for many years principal of Gilmanton Academy.

18. Daniel, a blacksmith, and acquired by his trade a handsome property. He was an elder in the Pres. Ch. of Bedford, now East Manchester. The three last-named d. at the age of about 90.

19. JOHN (**14**), b. Aug. 7, 1780; d., Amherst, July 16, 1854. He began the blacksmith business in Temple in 1802. He removed to Wilton in 1806, and to Amherst in 1824. A few years after he came to Wilton he bought the farm now owned by Albert Townsend. He was widely known as a worthy citizen, and skilful workman, and had a large custom in Wilton and the adjoining towns. While a res. in Wilton he served seven years as selectman, and he was appointed, Oct. 1, 1816, the first postmaster of the town; at that time Wilton had one mail a week. He m., June 16, 1807, Phebe, dau. of Rev. Sewall Goodridge of Lyndeborough. She d. Sept. 16, 1815, aged 35. He m., 2d, Jan 22, 1818, Hannah, dau. of William Abbot of Wilton. She d. Aug. 27, 1871, aged 82. Children:

20. Andrew, b. May 12, 1808; a blacksmith and machinist. He res. several years in Acworth, but lives now in Orange, Mass. He married Elizabeth Sawyer of Hillsborough.

21. Sewall Goodridge, b. Nov. 9, 1809; d. Sept. 5. 1813.

22. John, b. March 7, 1811; d. Oct. 27, 1840. He res. in Lowell, Mass., and m. Orpah, youngest dau. of Isaac Spalding of Wilton.

23. Sewall Goodridge, b. Nov. 3, 1813. In his early years he worked at blacksmithing. He removed to Lowell, and has been alderman and mayor of the city. At present he is senior partner of the firm of S. G. Mack & Co., stove merchants. He m. Mrs Orpah (Spalding) Mack.

24. Benjamin, b. Sept. 15, 1815; d. Jan. 17, 1850.

25. William Abbot, b. Oct. 27, 1818; d. May 25, 1822.

26. Charles E., b. Oct. 9, 1820; res. in California; m. Louisa Curtis.

27. Phebe J., b. Aug. 31, 1822; d. April 17, 1880. She m. Leonard Kimball of Lowell.

28. Elizabeth, b. April 28, 1824; res. in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. She m. Ira Richardson.

29. William Abbot, b., Amherst, July 2, 1826. He was for several years selectman in Amherst, and for two years representative to the Legislature. He removed to Lowell in 1873, and is one of the firm of S. G. Mack & Co. He m., Dec. 10, 1862, Mary J. Batchelder of Mont Vernon.

30. Maria L., b. Oct. 29, 1828; res. in Lowell; m., April 6, 1852, Daniel F. Mitchell.

31. Hannah A., b. Dec. 5, 1832; d. Sept. 9, 1843.

MANSUR FAMILY.

1. WILLIAM MANSUR, b., Dracut, Mass., Jan. 1, 1737; d. 1808. He purchased lot No. 1, tenth range. As Wilton was originally laid out, it was the southwest corner of the town, but, when Temple was incorporated,

that range of lots was annexed to the new town, and the Mansur farm became the southeast corner of Temple. One of the descendants remembers the early tradition of the wolves howling at the windows. He m., 1762, Isabella Harvey of Dracut, Mass. Blood, in his History of Temple, says: "Mrs. Mansur, wishing to visit her friends in Dracut, performed the whole journey of forty miles in one day, on horse-back, her baby in her arms. Besides, she was obliged to ford the Merrimac, the water rising to the pommel of the saddle." She d. Dec. 27, 1826, aged 87 yrs. At the time of her decease her descendants numbered more than eighty. Children:

2. William (**12**), b. Jan. 29, 1763.

3. John, b. March 16, 1765; d., Andover, Vt., Dec. 24, 1851; res. in Andover, Vt.; m. Polly Kimball of Wilton.

4. Elizabeth, b. March 4, 1767; d. 1858; m. Joseph Carleton and res. in Andover, Vt.

5. Joseph, b. March 23, 1769; res. in Stanstead, Can. East.

6. Ezra, b. April 19, 1771; d. June 15, 1834; res. on the homestead until near the close of his life, when he removed to New Ipswich. He m., 1803, Susan Treadwell of Peterborough.

7. Stephen (**24**), b. Dec. 18, 1773.

8. Aaron, b. March 7, 1776; res. and d. in Lowell, aged 83 yrs. He m. Rebecca Warren of Chelmsford, Mass.

9. Jeremy, b. April 16, 1778; d. young.

10. Hannah, b. Oct. 13, 1779; d. Feb., 1850; res. in Springfield, Vt. She m. Charles Hawkins of Temple.

11. Harvey, b. July 11, 1784; d. young.

12. WILLIAM (**2**), b. Jan. 29, 1763; d. Sept. 6, 1844. His farm in Wilton was lot No. 4, ninth range, for which he was first taxed in 1798. He was one of the first members of the Baptist Church. He m., March 1, 1787, Sarah Bridge of Littleton, Mass., who d. Oct. 22, 1837, aged 72 yrs. Children:

13. William, b. Dec. 21, 1787; d. Sept., 1862. He was a cabinet-maker. He m. Gertrude Horton of Cincinnati, O., by whom he had a son and a daughter. He m., 2d, Serena White of Delaware, O., by whom he had two sons and three dau.

14. Lavinia, b. Jan. 20, 1790; d. Sept., 1872. She m. Eben Adams of Mason. They had three sons and two dau.

15. Jeremy, b. Dec. 31, 1791; d., Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 14, 1874. He was a blacksmith and merchant. He m. Jane Carr of Ky. They had three sons and three dau.

16. Sarah, b. May 4, 1794; d. March, 1873. She m., June 27, 1816, Joseph Saunders, a farmer of Mason. They had two sons and three dau.

17. Samuel, b. Aug. 17, 1796; d., Boston, Oct., 1873. He was a merchant in Boston; m. Martha Collins. They had four sons and three dau.

18. Perley, b. March 3, 1799; d., Hudson, O., 1867; a farmer and blacksmith. He m. Philena Barss of Hudson. They had two sons and one dau.

19. Clara Farwell, b. Jan. 2, 1801; m., March 29, 1825, Joseph Brooks

Holt, who kept the hotel in South Merrimac for many years. They had three sons and three dau.

20. Isaiah (**26**), b. Oct. 31, 1802.

21. Abner, b. Aug. 28, 1804; res. in Groton, Mass.; a boot-maker and farmer. He m., April 1, 1828, Lucy Sawtell of Mason. They have had two sons and one dau.

22. Franklin, b. April 6, 1808; a machinist, and now a merchant in Laconia. He m., April 5, 1831, Elizabeth Walker Foster of Reading, Mass. They have had two sons and two dau.

23. Hiram, b. April 8, 1812; d., Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 2, 1879, where he was a planter and trader. He m. Mary Spencer of New Orleans. They had two sons and three dau.

The extraordinary average age of William Mansur, his wife and eleven children, being seventy-eight years, is rarely repeated in so large a family. He had also forty-eight grand-children.

24. Stephen (**7**), b. Dec. 18, 1773; d. May 11, 1865; res. in Ludlow, Vt. and Wilton. He occupied the place where his grandson, Gilman R. Mansur now res. He was the child his mother carried in her arms on horse-back in one day from Wilton to Dracut. He m. ——— Felt of Temple. Child:

25. J. T. Gilman (**29**).

26. Isaiah (**20**), b. Oct. 31, 1802; d., Groton, March 4, 1886. He owned and carried on the homestead until a few years since when he removed to Groton, Mass. He m., Dec. 25, 1828, Mary King. See King gen. (**13**). Children:

27. Maria, b. May 15, 1830; d. July 18, 1850. She m. George Hartshorn. See Hartshorn gen. (**31**). They had one son.

28. Isaiah Melvin, b. Feb. 8, 1836; res. in Groton, Mass.; a wholesale peddler. He m., Nov. 19, 1862, Sarah Louisa Parkhurst.

29. J. T. Gilman (**25**), m; child:

30. Gilman Russel (**31**), b., Cambridgeport, Mass., Dec. 18, 1829.

31. Gilman Russel (**30**), b. Dec. 18, 1829; a farmer, and res. on the homestead of his grandfather, Stephen; m., Oct., 1873, Sarah K. Macer. Children:

32. Harriet W., b. July 3, 1874; d. March 5, 1876.

33. Gilman Edwin, b. March 5, 1876.

34. Amy L., b. July 9, 1879; d. Aug. 12, 1880.

35. Clarence Whiston, b. Jan. 11, 1888.

MARDEN FAMILY.—SEE BUSS FAMILY (**26**).

MARTIN FAMILIES.

1. Jonathan Martin res. on the farm afterwards owned many years by Benjamin Steele, Jun. Before coming to Wilton he was a soldier in the French War. He was a large, athletic man and noted for his jokes

and witty sayings. The ensign of the company to which he belonged "was small in stature, but very large in his ways." On coming to a stream they must ford, the little ensign ordered him to carry him across. Martin took him up in his arms with all the tenderness and care he would an infant, and started to obey the order, but when he came to where the water was of some depth, from failing strength, or some other cause, he exclaimed: "I declare, I must lay you down to take you up better." And the little ensign found himself flat in the water. The order was never repeated to Martin. He represented the town in the Provincial Congress, was several years one of the selectmen, and often served on important committees. He was last taxed in Wilton in 1801. He removed to Springfield, Vt., where he d. at an advanced age. Children by his wife, Phebe:

2. Nathan, b. Sept. 13, 1770; d. Feb. 17, 1859. When about four years of age, he almost entirely lost his eyesight, so that he could barely distinguish light from darkness. His senses of hearing and touch were highly developed, so that his faculty of going from place to place was remarkable. When about thirty years of age he went to Springfield, Vt., where he lived a few years, and from there he went to Cherry Valley, N. Y. In 1822 he started for Springfield, Vt., walking the entire distance, except a short ride on a baggage wagon. He then walked from Springfield to Wilton with his fiddle-box under his arm, touching on either side with his cane to keep the road. He was a man of tenacious memory and inherited much of the dry humor of his father. Nothing delighted him more than to play the fiddle for the young and old to dance.

3. Hannah, b. Aug. 25, 1772.

4. James, b. April 6, 1774.

5. Molly, b, Jan. 26, 1776.

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1. Christopher Martin was in the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the thirty-eight men there present from Wilton, as is inferred from the Rev. War Rolls, collated by Secretary Hammond. In March, 1777, he enlisted for three years and served in Capt. Isaac Frye's company. He m., Jan. 8, 1782, Sarah Gray. See Gray gen. (**7**). Children:

2. Henry, b. May 1, 1782.

3. Sarah, b. May 15, 1784.

MASON FAMILY.

1. Larkin Mason, b. June 22, 1789. He was one of the soldiers from Temple to defend Portsmouth in 1814. He came to Wilton with his family in 1822, and worked for Asa Jones at shoemaking. In 1824 he removed to West Wilton, where he res. until his death. He m. Hannah, dau. of Capt. Daniel Heald of Temple, who was b. Dec. 11, 1791. Children:

2. Nathan, b., Temple, Dec. 6, 1810.

3. Daniel, b., Temple, March 1, 1812.

4. Hannah, b., Temple, Jan. 28, 1814; m. Edmund C. Stanley.

5. Horace, b., Temple, March 10, 1816.

6. Harvey, b., Temple, June 20, 1818.
7. Maria, b., Temple, April 3, 1822; m. John D. Burton.
8. Lucy A., b., Wilton, Nov. 24, 1826.
9. George L., b., Wilton, Dec. 31, 1828.
10. Mary C., b., Wilton, Sept. 27, 1834.

MAY FAMILY.

1. GEORGE D. MAY came from Harrisville to Wilton in 1872, and lived on the farm on which Ashby Morgan settled in 1770, and which had remained in the Morgan family for more than eighty years. He m., Aug. 23, 1864, Harriet Blanchard. Children:

2. George E., b. Oct. 7, 1865.
3. Harriet J. (8), b. Jan. 11, 1867.
4. Nettie E., b. July 16, 1868.
5. Mary F., b. Dec. 9, 1872.
6. Lizzie B., b. Nov. 6, 1875.
7. Harry H., b. Nov. 23, 1879; d. Dec. 8, 1879.
8. HARRIET J. (3), b. Jan. 11, 1867; m., Jan. 6, 1883, Frank O. Nicholson. Child:
9. Harry A. M. (Nicholson), b. April 4, 1883.

MAYNARD FAMILY.

1. SAMUEL F. MAYNARD came to Wilton about 1854, and worked for L. & H. Putnam. When on a journey west in 1856, he was taken ill with typhoid fever and d. Aug. 10. He m., Jan. 1, 1855, Matilda R., dau. of Aaron K. Putnam. She m., 2d, Nov. 9, 1865, Charles Wilson of New Ipswich.* Child:

2. Samuel F., b. Feb. 15, 1856; d. June 23, 1886. He owned and res. on a part of the Sheldon farm. He m., July 2, 1883, Carrie Taylor of New Ipswich, who d. Aug. 25, 1886. They left one child.

McCARTHY FAMILY.

1. MICHAEL McCARTHY, b., Ireland. He bought of Mrs. Jane P. Blood the farm on which he res., the buildings being on the east part of the homestead where Jacob Putnam settled in 1739. He m., June 30, 1855, Mary Clancey. Children:

2. John, b. March 25, 1859.
3. Wilber, b. Feb. 4, 1862.
4. Mary, b. Nov. 13, 1863.

McGREGOR FAMILY.

1. JOHN A. McGREGOR, bought, Jan., 1873, of Luther A. Tarble the farm formerly owned by Capt. Moses Lovejoy, and soon after removed

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* Mr. and Mrs. Wilson came to Wilton and res. on the farm formerly owned by A. K. Putnam. He rebuilt the house and for several years had summer boarders. He is deacon of the Second Cong. Ch. Mrs. Wilson d. Sept. 16, 1886, aged 61 yrs.

Theron Russell

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with his family from Nashua, and has since res. in Wilton. He has served two years as selectman. He m., Jan. 1, 1850, Emily J., dau. of Samuel and Anna (Bridges) Holt. See Holt gen. (**239**). Children:

2. Frank, b. Aug. 3, 1852; d. Dec. 30, 1875.

3. Ella A., b. Dec. 6, 1856; d. Aug. 16, 1857.

4. Linnie (**6**), b. July 15, 1858.

5. Alice, b. Oct. 28, 1865; m., Nov. 20, 1883, John Spencer.

6. LINNIE (**4**), b. July 15, 1858; m., Oct. 19, 1880, Rufus S. Bruce. Child:

7. John Rufus (Bruce), b. May 20, 1883.

McKAY FAMILY.

1. JOHN S. McKAY, b., Scotland, Oct. 20, 1833. He came to this country, and was employed a short time in the depot store in Wilton. He went on the milk train in the employ of D. Whiting & Sons for many years without a vacation, except while recovering from an injury received on the train. He has since been employed for several years at the depot store by D. E. Proctor. He m., May 1, 1866, Melissa Daniels. See Daniels gen. (**2**). Children:

2. George Scott, b. Feb. 24, 1867.

3. John R., b. Feb. 7, 1869.

4. Addie J., b. Aug. 24, 1871.

5. Charles W., b. July 27, 1873.

MEANS FAMILY.

1. JAMES R. MEANS, a grandson of Hon. Robert Means of Amherst, came to Wilton to learn the blacksmith's trade of John Mack. He carried on business first at Temple, and afterwards for twelve years or more in Wilton, purchasing in 1824, the shop of Mr. Mack. He then removed to Cicero, N. Y., where he res. till his death, 1884, at an advanced age. He m. Clarissa, dau. of Maj. Francis Blood of Temple, who d. some years after his removal to Cicero. He m., 2d, Mrs. James Chandler. Children:

2. Fidelia, b. Dec. 19, 1824.

3. Clarissa, b. June 18, 1826; d. Aug. 26, 1829.

4. Clarissa Amelia, b. Nov. 26, 1829.

5. Cornelia, b. Feb. 1, 1836.

6. Angelia, b. Aug. 15, 1837.

MELENDY FAMILY.

1. JOSEPH MELENDY, b. March, 1772; d. Aug. 12, 1863. He came to Wilton from Lyndeborough, and res. on the farm owned by Mrs. George Parkhurst. By his first wife he had four children. He m., 2d, March, 1814, Mrs. Betsey Prince, dau. of Ebenezer Chandler; she d. Nov. 3, 1822. See Chandler gen. (**17**). Children:

2. Joseph (**7**), b. Oct. 10, 1799.

3. Abigail, m., April, 1828; Joseph Perham of Lyndeborough.

4. Mary F., b. Nov., 1803; m., May 2, 1823, James Hutchinson. See Geo. Hutchinson gen. (8).

5. Rebecca F., b. March 28, 1809; m., Dec. 31, 1827, Luke Chandler. See Chandler gen. (**37**).

6. John P. B., b. Dec. 4, 1815; d. June 23, 1816.

7. JOSEPH (**2**), b. Oct. 10, 1799; d. Sept. 20, 1867. He res. for a few years after his marriage in Lyndeborough, but lived the rest of his life in Wilton. He m., Jan. 13, 1823, Susan P. Manter of Milford, who d. Jan. 16, 1847, aged 41 yrs., 7 mos. He m., 2d, Mrs. Abigail S. Buxton, who d. Feb. 27, 1879, aged 68 yrs., 11 mos. Children:

8. Joseph Manter, b. Sept. 28, 1828; owns and res. on the farm on which Benjamin Ridcout first settled. He m., March 1, 1862, Hannah H. Gray, who d. April 24, 1880. See Gray gen. (46).

9. Albert B. (**15**), b. Aug. 16, 1830.

10. Sarah F., b. June 17, 1833; d. Sept. 26, 1855.

11. Otis H., b. Nov. 11, 1837. He was enrolled in Co. B, Eighth Regt., N. H. V.; reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864; was taken prisoner at Sabine Cross Roads, La., and was one of those who returned with Col. D. W. King in the summer of 1865. Soon after his return he went to Maine, m. and settled.

12. Betsey A., b. April 24, 1840; m., Sept. 23, 1858, John Warren Keyes. See Keyes gen. (**49**).

13. Rosetta R., b. Nov. 11, 1842; m., May 9, 1865, Sumner Beede Chandler. See Chandler gen. (**65**).

14. Abbie Jane, b. March 7, 1854; m., March 6, 1879, Frank C. Blanchard. See Blanchard gen. (**84**).

15. ALBERT B. (**9**), b. Aug. 16, 1830. He worked in the tannery for Benjamin T. Foster, until the business was discontinued. In May, 1869, he bought the farm formerly owned by Adjt. Joseph Gray, and res. upon it. He m., May 24, 1855, Rowena J. Buxton. Children:

16. Augustus A., b. April 14, 1856; m., June 19, 1884, Ida M. Andrews.

17. Flora A., b. Dec. 12, 1857; d. July 5, 1877.

18. Ida S., b. Sept. 9, 1860.

19. Fred H., b. April 18, 1863.

20. Harry A., b. Jan. 24, 1868.

MILLIKEN FAMILY.

1. ALEXANDER MILLIKEN, b., Ireland, and came, as tradition says, "entirely for his own good." The laws of the old country at that time made almost every crime a capital offence, and as he had been guilty of some transgression of the law, self-preservation made it necessary for him to emigrate. He settled on the farm now owned by Charles H. White, several years before Wilton was incorporated. His signature was by his mark, where it is often found in the registry of deeds. In the campaign of 1758 in the French and Indian War he served for some

months. He was often elected to minor offices in town. Children by his wife, Mary:

2. Samuel, b. Oct. 2, 1752.

3. William, b. Oct. 2, 1752.

4. Alexander, b. April 5, 1755.

5. John (**7**), b. Aug. 19, 1757.

6. Robert, b. July 20, 1760. He was one of the twenty-five men from Wilton in the expedition to Rhode Island in 1778.

7. JOHN (**5**), b. Aug. 19, 1757. He lived on the homestead with his father, and when it was sold, removed to Sharon, where he was living in 1832. Children by his wife, Sarah:

8. Polly, b. Sept. 3, 1788.

9. Alexander, b. March 27, 1790.

10. Joseph, b. Jan. 24, 1792.

11. Abigail, b. April 25, 1794; d. June 20, 1796.

12. John, b. June 20, 1796.

13. Abigail, b. Aug. 22, 1798; d. June 21, 1800.

14. Sally, b. June 14, 1801.

MILLS FAMILY.

1. JOHN MILLS came to Wilton, and worked a few years for Asa Jones. In company with B. F. Marden he carried on the tanning business four or five years until they sold out to B. T. Foster. He afterwards entered into partnership successively with James Lewis, and with James Lewis and William Lane at Milford in the manufacture of boots and shoes, employing a large number of hands, and producing the same class of goods that Messrs. Jones & Co., manufactured in Wilton, where they had all learned their trade. He m., Dec. 25, 1834, Sarah, dau. of Aaron K. and Polly (Shattuck) Putnam. See Putnam gen. (**117**). Child:

2. Sarah N., m., Jan. 19, 1856, Charles H. Burns. See Burns gen. (**5**).

MOORE FAMILY.

1. RICHARD MANSON MOORE, son of Richard Moore, b., Monroe, Grafton Co., Aug. 10, 1850. Came to Wilton and began his duties as station agent to the railroad, April 22, 1882, which he has satisfactorily discharged to the present time. He m., June 20, 1881, Flora A. Flanders of Laconia. Child:

2. Mary Wilbor, b. Oct. 15, 1882.

MORGAN FAMILIES.

1. ASHBY MORGAN, son of Jonathan Morgan, b., New Salem, March 27, 1749; d. Oct. 21, 1828. He began, June, 1770, to clear his farm in what was then a wilderness, lot No. 9, eighth range, and removed his family in 1772. He was of robust frame and constitution. He m., April 14, 1770, Hannah, dau. of Maj. Samuel Greele of Nottingham West, now Hudson, who was b. Aug. 22, 1747; d. April 30, 1839. Children;

2. Abigail, b., Pelham, Nov. 2, 1770; m., Nov. 19, 1794, Benning King. See King gen. (**7**).

3. Benjamin, b., Wilton, Nov. 27, 1772; removed to Landgrove, Vt. He m., Dec. 4, 1800, Polly Bradford.

4. Jacob (11), b. Jan 26, 1775.

5. David, b. March 4, 1777; d. March 18, 1777.

6. Hannah, b. April 5, 1778; m., 1806, Eleazer Brown, who owned and carried on one of the factories in New Ipswich.

7. Isaac, b. Jan. 31, 1781; d. Wilton Junction, Wis. He res. several years in Nashua. He m. Tabitha Pearsons of Nashua.

8. Abraham, b. May 5, 1783; res. in Vt.

9. Ashby (**16**), b. July 2, 1787.

10. Samuel, b. Sept. 25, 1789; d. 1790.

11. Jacob (**4**), b. Jan. 26, 1775; m., Feb. 26, 1801, Rachel Parkhurst, who d. Andover Vt. Children.

12. Rachel, b. Nov. 17, 1801.

13. Jacob, b. May 26, 1804.

14. Melinda, b. Jan. 10, 1806.

15. Samuel, b. Jan. 8, 1807. He removed to Andover, Vt.

16. Ashby (**9**), b. July 2, 1787; d. suddenly Jan. 26, 1850. He res. on the homestead and was a successful farmer, and a prominent member of the Second Cong. Ch. He drove a pair of fat oxen to Milford, and when he drew the bow from the yoke, it struck him in the side. He returned home in great suffering, and died in a few hours from the injury. He m., April 4, 1809, Lucy Burton, who d. Dec. 8, 1850, aged 62 yrs. See Burton gen. (**39**). Children:

17. David (**24**), b. Oct. 14, 1810.

18. Laura, b. Dec. 11, 1811; d. May 5, 1880. She m., April 9, 1833, Capt. Matthias Wilson of New Ipswich, who d. Feb. 25, 1880.

19. Lucy Ann, b. Jan. 4, 1814; m., Dec. 31, 1839, Stephen D. Greele of Hudson.

20. Ashby, b. June 17, 1816; a mechanic and res. in Wilton, until Nov., 1850, when he removed to Prattville, Ala., where he d. March 1, 1860. He m., April 18, 1843, Augusta D. Pratt of Wilton.

21. Samuel Greele, b. Sept. 29, 1818; d. Sept. 18, 1822.

22. Hannah Maria, b. July 23, 1823; m., April 22, 1849, Charles W. Edwards of Temple; res. in Wilton until 1865, when they removed to Nashua.

23. Augustus Greele (**28**), b. Jan. 29, 1827.

24. David (**17**), b. Oct. 14, 1810; d., Minneapolis, Minn., April 8, 1871. He grad., Dartmouth College, 1835, studied law in Boston, and practised his profession in that city until 1855, when he removed to Minneapolis. He pursued the practice of law until 1858, when he was chosen a member of the constitutional convention. He was afterwards county treasurer, and also postmaster of the city during Lincoln's administration. He m., Aug. 19, 1841, Marianne L. Pierce of Boston, who d. Nov. 25, 1861. He m., 2d, Mrs. Taylor of Minneapolis. Children by the first wife:

25. Lucy Maria.

26. David Llewellyn.

27. Charles Lincoln.

28. Augustus Greele (**23**), b. Jan. 29, 1827. He left Wilton and removed to Minnesota, where he res. in Anoka. He m., May 1, 1851, Joanna M. Bales of Wilton; m., 2d, June 17, 1864, Mary A. Wedgewood of Monticello, Minn., who d. Aug. 14, 1867; m., 3d, June 5, 1869, Catharine S. Elliot of Anoka. Child:

29. Charles Ashby, b. March 17, 1875.

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1. Jonathan Morgan. We have been unable to ascertain what relation he sustained to Ashby Morgan (**1**). Children by his wife Lydia.

2. Lydia, b. Oct. 4, 1781; d. Oct. 13. 1781.

3. Jonathan, b. Jan. 6, 1783; d. Jan. 26, 1783.

4. Oliver Jones, b. May 23, 1784.

5. John Butler, b. Jan. 14, 1786.

NEWELL FAMILY.

1. Joseph Newell was b., Reading, Mass., 1794; d., Wilton, Feb. 17, 1881. For an extended sketch of his life, see page 277. He m., 1822, Lavinia, dau. of Col. Samuel Hopkins of Wilmington, Mass. Children:

2. George Augustus, b. Nov. 25, 1823. In early life he was engaged in a store in Boston, and eventually became one of the firm of Talbot & Newell in the manufacture and sale of clothing in which business he spent many years. He res. in Wilton in summer and in Boston in winter. His country res. is the homestead of his father, which he has enlarged and improved.

3. Mary Lavina, b., Feb. 16, 1826. She m. Ephraim Hacket, Jun., and lived but a few years after her marriage.

4. Charles Henry, b, May 10, 1829; he m. Miss Gage of Arlington, Mass. He was engaged in the ice business several years before he died. The old brick store with the hall adjoining has been made into an attractive summer res. where his family spend the summer months.

5. Harriet, b. July 16, 1832; m. ——— Tufts.

PARKER FAMILIES.

1. Hananiah Parker came to Wilton in 1786; d. Jan. 1, 1793, aged 56. He lived on the farm now owned by Charles E. Barrett, and on which Mr. Parker's family res. for several years after his death. Children, so far as we have been able to ascertain them:

2. Abigail, m. Lewis Smith. See Smith gen.

3. Phebe, m., Jan. 27, 1801, Archelaus Putnam of Andover, Vt. See Putnam gen. (**95**).

4. Pierpont, res. with the family for a time, and was last taxed in town in 1799. He removed to Me. and was the father of Harvey D. Parker of the Parker House, Boston.

5. Joseph, d., Chester, Vt., March 12, 1831. He kept a tavern in Hinsdale for several years. He m., May 10, 1808, Olive, dau. of Nathaniel Sawyer. She had six children, and d., Parksburg, Pa., Jan. 31, 1871.

6. William (**7**), b., Wilton, 1790.

7. William (**6**), b., Wilton, 1790; d., Wilton, Oct. 18, 1859. He learned the tanner's trade in Dublin, and about 1813, he bought the place now owned by George S. Buss, where he carried on the tanning business for several years. In 1822, he removed to Francestown where he kept the hotel about thirty years until it was burned. When Hon. Jacob Whittemore became ineligible by age to hold the office of county judge, Mr. Parker was appointed to succeed him, and held the office until it was abolished in 1855. He was a man of well balanced mind and decided in his opinions. He returned to Wilton and res. there until his death. He m. Hannah Fitch Hayward of Dublin, who d. Aug. 7, 1819, aged 29. He m., 2d, April 11, 1820, Anna Hartshorn, who d. Oct. 13, 1887, aged 91 yrs. See Hartshorn gen. (**24**). Children:

8. Hayward Prescott, b., Dublin, July 9, 1811; m. Catharine P. Caton.

9. Rebecca Hayward, b. Oct. 14, 1813; m., May 15, 1831, Thomas P. Wilson.

10. William Warren, b. Jan. 17, 1815. He kept one of the hotels in Nashua for a few years; res. for a time in Wilton, but for about twenty years has been at the Astor House, New York city. He m. Nancy Andrews, by whom he had one son. She d. March 16, 1847.

11. Charles Hanson, b. Aug. 8, 1816; d. July 31, 1853. He m., April 21, 1841, Rhoda H. Buxton.

12. James Swain, b. Feb. 17, 1818; d. May 7, 1819.

13. James Swain, b. July 24, 1819; d. Oct. 1, 1819.

14. James Swain, b. Dec. 25, 1820; d. Feb. 23, 1879. He m., Nov. 1, 1849, Susan A. Davis, who d. June 3, 1879.

15. Thomas Beede, b. Feb. 8, 1823; d., Wilton, Aug. 25, 1859. He m., Oct. 16, 1855, Emily E. Owen. He res. in California, and his remains were carried there.

16. Marion Nourse, b. June 4, 1825; m., Nov. 29, 1847, Levi B. Morse. They res. in Boston.

17. George Franklin, b. Oct. 19, 1827; d. Dec. 25, 1883. He m., Aug. 6, 1857, Elizabeth W. Nichols.

18. Mary Prescott, b. Feb. 8. 1830; d. Jan. 28, 1883. She m., Sept. 6, 1860, William H. Haskell.

19. Joanna Crombie, b. April 2, 1833; m., Sept. 2, 1878, John D. Butler of Bennington.

20. Joseph Maynard, b. June 28, 1835.

21. Harvey D., b. Sept. 19, 1837; m., Dec. 25, 1864, Emily D. Parker.

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1. Henry Parker was an early res. of Wilton and settled on the south part of lot No. 7, third range. He built the first bridge over the Souhegan river in Wilton on the site of the one now near Gilman R.

Mansur's. The abutments and piers were of wood. Tradition says he m. Sarah Farwell. Children:

2. Henry was in the French war, and was killed at the massacre of Fort Edward.

3. Josiah (**8**), d. Oct. 22, 1776.

4. Benjamin (**16**).

5. Sarah.

6. Susanna.

7. Tabitha. The three last-named lived on the homestead.

8. JOSIAH (**3**), d. Oct. 22, 1776. He settled on lot No. 5, seventh range. He was mustered, July 16, 1776, as a corporal in Capt. William Barron's co., Col. Isaac Wyman's regt., for the Ticonderoga campaign. He started for home and d. at Castleton, Vt. He left a widow and a family of children. Children by his wife, Phebe:

9. Josiah, b. Oct. 28, 1765; m., June 5, 1788, Eunice Pierce.

10. Phebe, b. Feb. 27, 1767.

11. Henry, b. Dec. 28, 1768; d. Feb. 24, 1769.

12. Henry, b. Jan. 24, 1770.

13. Samuel, b. Aug. 17, 1772.

14. Farewell, b. Nov. 6, 1774.

15. John Brown, b. April 2, 1777; d. April 16, 1777.

16. BENJAMIN (**4**), lived awhile on the homestead with his father, but owing to uncongenial feelings between his father and his wife, he built a house on the easterly part of the lot, and res. there. He m. Anna Hardy. Children:

17. Hannah, b. April 3, 1771; m., Nov. 12, 1789, Elias Holt.

18. Benjamin (**22**), b. April 24, 1774.

19. Rebecca, b. Jan. 6, 1776; d. Feb. 8, 1852.

20. Mary, b. March 17, 1779.

21. John Hardy, b. Aug. 11, 1785.

22. BENJAMIN (**18**), b. April 24, 1774. He owned and res. on lot No. 9, second range. He did much teaming for the stores from Boston with four oxen and two horses. He was prominent at the first six plowing matches at the Hillsborough Co. fairs. He m., Aug. 25, 1799, Hannah Hartshorn. See Hartshorn gen. (**10**). Children:

23. Loammi, b. Nov. 8, 1800. He m. and res. in Milford. In an altercation with one of his neighbors he received a blow on his head from which he d. in a few hours. He had one son, who was drowned in the river at Milford village.

24. Hannah, m., May, 1828, Daniel Dutton, who d. Nov. 28, 1879, aged 82. He owned and res. on the farm which formerly belonged to Capt. Joshua Blanchard.

25. Abiah H., m., April 3, 1832, Joseph Howard, who lived but a few years after his marriage. They had two daughters.

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1. JOSIAH PARKER, b., Woburn, Mass., Nov. 6, 1774; d. Nov. 30, 1852. The farm in Wilton now owned by Nathan A. Cragin and F. P. Kent was bought in 1801 by Lieut. Abel Wyman of Burlington, Mass.,

who owned it six years. He grafted several apple trees with Baldwin scions, which were probably the first of the kind in town. In 1807, Lieut. Wyman sold the farm to Simon Carter of Woburn, who occupied it until his death, Dec., 1817. Mr. Carter conveyed the farm by will on certain conditions to his son-in-law, Josiah Parker, who occupied it from 1818 till 1852. He was by trade a wheelwright, a good neighbor and townsman and a man of pronounced opinions. He m., Sept. 6, 1807, Abigail Carter, who was b., Woburn, Sept. 15, 1781, and d. Sept. 8, 1836. He m., 2d, Feb. 15, 1838, Mrs. Betsey S. Converse, who d., Woburn, Mass., Dec. 3, 1881, aged 81 yrs. Children:

2. Abigail Manning, b. Jan. 6, 1808; m., June, 1832, James Burton. See Burton gen. (**79**).

3. Susan Richardson, b. May 26, 1809; m. Lyman Stone, who had charge for several years of the weaving room in the Wilton Man. Co. His health was affected by his employment, and he has resorted to farming in different places—Temple and Nelson—and now res. in Milford.

4. Hannah Gardiner (**13**), b. Feb. 23, 1811.

5. Lydia Ann (**16**), b. Aug. 5, 1813.

6. John Flagg (**20**), b. Dec. 27, 1815.

7. Josiah (24), b. April 10, 1819.

8. Andrew Jackson (**29**), b. May 26, 1821.

9. Maria Louisa, b. Oct. 24, 1823; m., March 5, 1848, Samuel R. Dolliver of Woburn, Mass., where they res. until 1868, when they removed to San Francisco, Cal., where Mr. Dolliver is a leather merchant.

10. Abram, b. June 21, 1826; d. Aug. 8, 1832.

11. Albert, b. April 12, 1839; res. in Merrimac, Essex Co., Mass.; a blacksmith; m. and has three children.

12. George, b. March 2, 1841; d. March 24, 1841.

13. Hannah Gardiner (**4**), b. Feb. 23, 1811; m., Sept. 24, 1850, Jonathan Snow. See below, (**16**). Mr. Snow was a blacksmith and machinist; and in pursuit of his trade has res. successively in Wilton, Concord, Worcester, Mass., Piermont, N. Y., Waterford, N. J., and Milford, where he now res. At the last two places his business has been farming. Children:

14. Amelia (Snow), b. June 18, 1852; d. June 21, 1852.

15. Emma Josephine (Snow), b. June 30, 1853.

16. Lydia Ann (**5**), b. Aug. 5, 1813; d. March 4, 1849. She m., Nov. 14, 1844, Jonathan Snow. Children:

17. Ann Louisa (Snow), b. Sept. 6, 1845; d. July 20, 1864.

18. Adeline Frances (Snow), b. May 4, 1847; d. July 14, 1864.

19. Jonathan Parker (Snow), b. Nov. 19, 1848; he is a grad. of the Scientific Department of Dartmouth College, and a civil engineer; res. at Woonsocket, R. I. He m. Mrs. Marietta H. Eaton. They have had one child, not now living.

20. John Flagg (**6**), b. Dec. 27, 1815. Before he was of age he went to Woburn and learned the wheelwright's trade, which has been his principal business. He has res. at different times at Woburn, Mass., Peterborough, and Wilton, but is now on a farm in Groton, Mass. He

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m., May 29, 1845, Martha Jane Jones, dau. of Asa Jones. See Joel Jones gen. (**5**). Children:

21. Ella Evory, b. April 21, 1849.

22. Everett Leland, b. 1849; d. 1853.

23. Marion Jane, b. Dec. 20, 1856.

24. JOSIAH (**7**), b. April 10, 1819; d. Jan. 22, 1880. He went before he was of age to Woburn to learn the wheelwright's trade, and res. there in the business during his life. He m. Nancy M. Wyman. Children:

25. Wyman.

26. Mary Francis.

27. Wilber A.

28. Lillian.

29. ANDREW JACKSON (**8**), b. May 26, 1821; a wheelwright. He has res. at different times in Woburn, Concord, Worcester and Wilton, where he now lives. At Concord and Worcester he was in the employ of the railroad. He m., Nov. 29, 1849, Abbie, dau. of Gilbert and Nancy (Stiles) Tapley. Child:

30. Charles, m., April, 1883, Grace M. Wright.

PARKHURST FAMILY.

1. JONATHAN PARKHURST was from Chelmsford, Mass., but we have found no dates of his birth, marriage or death. He was chosen constable at the annual town meeting in 1781. On a tax-list found in the "Old Chest," not dated, but not later than 1789, are the names of Jonathan Parkhurst, Jonathan Parkhurst, Jun., Jesse Parkhurst and Isaac Parkhurst. Jonathan Parkhurst res. on lot No. 1, ninth range, now the southwest corner of the town.

2. JONATHAN PARKHURST, d. Feb. 24, 1818, aged 66 yrs. He came to Wilton with his father, or a few years after. He was a soldier in the army of the Revolution, and suffered the hardships of Valley Forge, White Plains and other historic fields. He was a successful farmer and res. on the homestead with his father. He m. Rachel Coburn of Dracut, Mass., who d. July 30, 1825, aged 70 yrs. Children:

3. Jonathan (**6**), b. April 5, 1786.

4. Timothy (**17**), b. 1793.

5. Rachel, m., Feb. 26, 1801, Jacob Morgan. See Morgan gen. (**11**). Some years after their marriage they removed to Andover, Vt.

6. JONATHAN (**3**), b. April 5, 1786; d. Jan. 28, 1857. He taught school before and after his marriage many terms, and often where others had failed to govern the scholars. He was of large and commanding appearance, but of pleasant and affable address. It is related that in one of the schools he taught, where there had been trouble before in school government, the parents asked of the boys whether they were going to put the master out of doors that winter, and they replied: "No, not unless you move out one end of the school house, for there isn't room to put him through the door." He res. on the homestead, to which he made large additions, and kept many cattle and sheep. In 1817 and 1818 he

was collector of taxes, and between that time and 1855, he served fourteen years as selectman, and with more different persons than any other townsman. He was for many years moderator of the town meetings, and often served as agent for the town, and as committeeman. In 1850 he represented the town in the Legislature. He held various offices in the militia; his commission as colonel was dated June 30, 1826. He m., April 18, 1811, Betsey, dau. of Abraham Burton; she d. April 20, 1860, aged 71 yrs. See Burton gen. (**38**). Children:

7. Fanny Burton (**23**), b. Dec. 21, 1811.

8. Caroline Louisa (**26**), b. March 16, 1813.

9. Jonathan (**35**), b. Feb. 7, 1815.

10. Albert (**40**), b. May 10, 1817.

11. Charles, b. April 15, 1820; res. in North Adams, Mass. He has been twice married, and has two sons and one dau. One of the sons is a lawyer.

12. Horace (**45**), b. Nov. 16, 1821.

13. George (**51**), b. Nov. 2, 1824.

14. Rachel Ann, b. Jan. 28, 1826. She was a successful teacher; m. Abraham Burton, and removed to Manchester. See Burton gen. (**69**). They had two children, both of whom d. in infancy.

15. Betsey Jane, b. May 16, 1827; d. April 20, 1831.

16. Betsey Jane, b. Feb. 26, 1834; m. Benjamin K. Hoyt of Manchester, who d. in 1881. She still lives in the house which Mr. Hoyt left to her.

17. Timothy (**4**), b. 1793; d. July 18, 1867. He grad., Dartmouth College, 1813, and studied medicine with Dr. Matthias Spalding of Amherst. He began practice in his native town, where he continued until failing health compelled him to retire. He was town clerk thirty-three years, and twice representative to the Legislature. He was also for many years a justice of the peace. He was emphatically "the good physician." He m., May 27, 1819, Betsey Abbot, who d. March 12, 1828, aged 36 yrs. He m., 2d, Jan., 1829, Naomi, dau. of Moses Sawyer of Sharon; she d. Sept., 1860, aged 55 yrs. Children:

18. Harriet (**57**), b. April 7, 1820.

19. William Abbot (**62**), b. June 27, 1823.

20. Augustus (**66**), b. March 2, 1828.

21. Betsey A., b. Oct. 25, 1832; d. June 14, 1854.

22. Sarah Catharine, b. May 15, 1842; m., Timothy N. Hutchinson, and res. in Bridgeport, Conn. See Hutchinson gen. (**86**).

23. Fanny Burton (**7**), b. Dec. 21, 1811; m., Sept. 30, 1841, Paul T. Winn of Hudson. They had six children, of whom only two are living. Children:

24. P. Frances (Winn), m. Josiah Farmer, and lives in Pelham.

25. Cyrus Elmer (Winn), lives in Hudson.

26. Caroline Louisa (**8**), b. March 16, 1813; m., Aug. 17, 1837, Nelson Russell of Mason, and removed to Bronson, Branch Co., Mich. They had ten children, of whom two d. in infancy. Children:

27. Albert Nelson (Russell) enlisted in one of the earliest Michigan

regts., was captured and suffered the atrocities of Libbey prison, Richmond, Va. At the last call for troops, he enlisted, and served in the army of the Cumberland until the close of the war.

28. Flora (Russell), m. William Hartz and res. at Burr Oak, Mich.

29. Sarah Louisa (Russell), m. Aaron Rhinebach and res. at Burr Oak.

30. Emily (Russell), m. Henry Tubbs, and res. at Burr Oak.

31. Caroline (Russell), m. Philip Rhinebach.

32. Thomas P. (Russell).

33. George Luther (Russell), res. on the homestead in Bronson, Branch Co., Mich.

34. Jonathan P. (Russell), killed by the accidental discharge of a gun, while hunting.

35. JONATHAN (**9**), b. Feb. 7, 1815; d. Dec. 25, 1867. He was a carpenter and builder, and res. several years in Boston, where he was successful in business. After his father's death, he returned to Wilton, bought the shares of the other heirs in the homestead, and res. on it until his death. He m., Aug. 3, 1841, Sarah Whiting, who now res. in Groton, Mass.

36. Sarah Louisa, b. July 22, 1843; m., Nov. 19, 1862, Isaiah Melvin Mansur, and res. in Groton. See Mansur gen. (**28**).

37. Emma Caroline, b. Aug. 22, 1847; m., May 7, 1868, Charles C. Spalding.

38. Henrietta Maria, b. May 15, 1852; d. Feb. 27, 1881; m., June 17, 1873, Charles W. Page of Westminster, Mass. They had one son, Parkhurst Page, b., Hartford, Conn., July 28, 1874.

39. Edward Henry, b. June 17, 1856; res. in Groton.

40. ALBERT (**10**), b. May 10, 1817; he was in trade for a time with George P. Smith at West Wilton, but res. the remainder of his life in New York city. He m. Elsie Avery. Children:

41. Elsie, a teacher in New York city.

42. Martha Grace, m. Gen. McPherson of New York.

43. Henrietta, m. Dr. James Stuart, and res. in Northampton, Mass.

44. Elizabeth, unm.; a teacher in New York city.

45. HORACE (**12**), b. Nov. 16, 1821; d., Waltham, Mass., June 24, 1862. He res. on lot No. 18, first range, for some years, and was the last Col. of the 22d Regt. of militia; he removed to Waltham. He m., Feb. 1, 1843, Rebecca Baldwin, who was b. Oct. 15, 1823. Children:

46. George Winfield, b. Dec, 13, 1844; d. Sept. 23, 1847.

47. Jonathan Granville (**68**), b. April 14, 1847.

48. Clara Maria, b. Oct. 6, 1849; m., June 6, 1871, Albert S. French. See French gen. (**52**).

49. George Edward (**74**), b. May 10, 1855.

50. Ella R., b. Waltham, Mass., Dec. 17, 1861; m., Dec. 29, 1885, Harry A. Hartshorn.

51. GEORGE (**13**), b. Nov. 2, 1824; d. Feb. 6, 1888. He studied for one or two terms at New Ipswich Academy, and was a teacher in the public schools. He res. on lot No. 12, seventh range, which he purchased of George W. Bridges. He m., April 12, 1859, Lucy Augusta Lovejoy, who

d. March 16, 1876, aged 34 yrs. He m., 2d, March 28, 1877, Mrs. Sarah J. Currier. Children:

52. Samuel H., b. Oct. 2, 1863.

53. Francis A., b. July 11, 1865.

54. Angie Ella, b. Dec. 4, 1870; d. June 16, 1884.

55. George B., b. Oct. 26, 1878.

56. Elgia Lydia, b. Dec. 22, 1885.

57. HARRIET (**18**), b. April 7, 1820; she was a successful teacher, and lived after marriage, for a few years in Manchester; m., Feb. 18, 1846, Isaac Abbot, who d. Jan. 11, 1857. See Abbot gen. Children:

58. Frances Naomi (Abbot) (**76**), b. Nov. 10, 1846.

59. Edwin Isaac (Abbot), b. April 14, 1849; d. Aug. 23, 1882.

60. William Herbert (Abbot), b. Feb. 3, 1853.

61. Arthur Augustus (Abbot), b. Dec. 6, 1855.

62. WILLIAM ABBOT (**19**), b. June 27, 1823. He went many years ago to Maine. He m. Anna S. Parker. Children.

63. William, b. March 31, 1866.

64. Harriet, b. May 5, 1867.

65. Annie Gertrude, b. Jan. 14, 1876.

66. AUGUSTUS (**20**), b. March 2, 1828. He was a carpenter and soon after coming of age, he removed to the west. He m. Lavinia Wilson. Child:

67. Ernest.

68. JONATHAN GRANVILLE (**47**), b. April 14, 1847. He res. in Wilton until 1879, since which time he has lived in Chelmsford and Franklin, Mass. He is now employed in Nashua by Messrs. Howard & Co., in their furniture factory. He m., 1867, Sarah E. Spofford of Greenfield, Mass. Children:

69. Almon Horace, b. April 30, 1868.

70. Henrietta, b. Jan. 13, 1870.

71. Susie M., b. Dec. 24, 1871. The above three children were b. in Wilton.

72. Charles G., b. March 26, 1875.

73. Dora P., b. March 3, 1877.

74. GEORGE EDWARD (**49**), b. May 10, 1855; m., 1879, Jennie Parker. Child:

75. Freddie, b. Oct. 29, 1879.

76. FRANCES NAOMI (ABBOT) (**58**), b. Nov. 10, 1846. She m., June 2, 1868, Albert, son of Calvin and Hannah (Hesselton) Carleton; he was b. July 20, 1843. They res. in Wilton on the estate formerly owned by Ephraim Brown. Child:

77. Alice May (Carleton), b. May 23, 1880.

PATTERSON FAMILY.

1. WILLIAM N. PATTERSON, b., Merrimac, Aug. 25, 1828, is the son of Zaccheus and Sarah (Farnham) Patterson. Mrs. Patterson is the dau. of James Farnham, who came from Andover in 1805, and res. until his death,

Jan. 9, 1813, on the farm now owned by George Barrett. She lives at South Merrimac, and is now, 1886, at the age of 93, in the enjoyment of mental and physical powers such as few retain when so far advanced in life. W. N. Patterson came to Wilton in 1878, or 1879, and carried on business at the French village. In 1882 he removed his business to the "Stone Mill," so called, where, first in company with a Mr. Lloyd, and since with his own son, he has a grist mill, in which they have a generous custom. They also hang and sell several tons of grindstones annually, and manufacture ploughs and cultivators, and have machinery for wood working, employing usually five men. He m., Sept. 5, 1855, Mary L. Smith, who was b., Amherst, Nov. 28, 1832. Children:

2. Mary C., b. Nov. 23, 1856; m., May 5, 1877, Sumner Hartshorn of Milford.

3. Ellen F., b. Nov. 17, 1859; d. Oct. 13, 1864.

4. Walter C., b. April 23, 1861; m., Nov. 24, 1886, Irene Cram of South Lyndeborough.

5. Bertha S., b. March 18, 1864.

6. Lizzie B., b. March 17, 1866.

7. Fanny M., b. April 17, 1869; d. Nov. 9, 1870.

8. Amy L., b. March 16, 1871.

9. Putnam A., b. Dec. 26, 1873.

10. Bessie E., b. Jan. 18, 1876.

PEABODY FAMILY.

1. Francis Peabody, b., 1614, at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, came to New England in the ship Planter, Nicholas Travise, master, in 1635. In the certificate officially given he is called "a husbandman, of 21 years of age." He was one of the first settlers of Hampton, Rockingham Co. He held various town offices, showing the high respect in which he was held. He was made a freeman in 1642. He removed, 1657, to Topsfield, Mass.; he was a large landholder in that town and the vicinity, and was one of the most prominent citizens. He m., about 1641, Mary (probably Foster) by whom he had fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, the third son being:

2. William, b. 1646; d. March, 1699; res. in Boxford; m., Aug. 14, 1684, Hannah Hale of Newbury, who d. Feb. 23, 1733. They had six sons and two daughters, the second son being:

3. Ephraim, b. April 23, 1689; lived in Boxford; m., July, 1713, Hannah Reddington. They had five sons and two dau., the eldest son being:

4. Thomas, b. July 14, 1715; res. first in Boxford and removed to Lunenburg, Mass., between 1755 and 1760; m. Ruth Cole of Salem. They had eight sons and one dau. The third son:

5. Ephraim, b. 1747; d. Nov. 1, 1803. He was a blacksmith, and lived where Gilman R. Mansur res. now. The shop was on the triangular piece of land, surrounded by the roads between Mr. Mansur's house and the river bridge. He m., about 1770, Sarah, dau. of Nathan Hutchinson,

a large landowner in Milford and Wilton. See Hutchinson gen. (**11**). She d. March, 1816. Children:

6. Sarah, b. Feb. 20, 1772; m., Feb. 27, 1800, Amos Eaton. See Eaton gen. (**1**).

7. Samuel, b. Feb. 20, 1774; m. Lucinda Pease.

8. Ephraim (**15**), b. June 17, 1776.

9. Betsey, b. Feb. 23, 1778; m., March 10, 1803, John Appleton of New Ipswich. They had two children: Hon. John Appleton, late chief justice of Maine, and a daughter, who m. Col. George Gibson of New Ipswich.

10. John (**18**). b. Feb. 25, 1780.

11. Lydia, b. 1782: unm; d. Nov., 1811.

12. Dorcas, b. 1784; d. 1809; m., Feb. 11, 1808, Isaac Lovejoy. See Daniel Lovejoy gen. (**5**).

13. Hannah, b. 1786; d. 1812; m. Isaac Lovejoy.

14. Amos, b. 1788; d. young.

15. EPHRAIM (**8**), b. June 17, 1776; d. July 5, 1816. He res. on the homestead, was a blacksmith, and a prominent man in town. He served for several years on the board of selectmen, was a justice of the peace, and a representative to the Legislature in 1815, and 1816. He m., Nov. 14, 1805, Rhoda, dau. of Maj. Abiel Abbot. She d., Peterborough, March 19, 1853, aged 69. Children:

16. Ephraim (**26**), b. March 22, 1807.

17. Dorcas, b. April 25, 1809; unm.; res. in Milford.

18. JOHN (**10**), b. Feb. 25, 1780; d. in 1824. He was a blacksmith and carried on business with his brother. He m., Oct. 23, 1806, Sally, dau. of William Bales. She d., 1825. See Bales gen. (**5**). Children:

19. Sally, b. Aug. 12, 1807; d. Aug. 21, 1825. She was a tailoress and res. at Cambridgeport.

20. Betsey, b. Oct. 24, 1809; m. William Mugridge, a carpenter and farmer of Kittery, Me. They had seven children.

21. John, b. Oct. 9, 1811; d. 1884. A mason by trade. He m., Dec. 1, 1840, Susan K. Goodnow of Watertown, Mass. They had four children:

22. William Bales, b. Feb. 22, 1814; d. Feb. 4, 1815.

23. Lydia, b. Jan. 26, 1817; m. William G. Parker, a carpenter. They res. in Kittery, Me.

24. Mary Ann, b. July 4, 1819; res. in Milford; unm.

25. Caroline, b. June 13, 1821; d. Oct. 24, 1845.

26. EPHRAIM (**16**), b. March 22, 1807; d. Nov. 28, 1856. For a sketch of his life see page 288. He m., 1833, Mary Jane Derby of Salem, dau. of Hon. John Derby. She res. in Boston. Children:

27. Samuel, b., Cincinnati, O., July 9, 1834; d., Watertown, Oct. 1, 1835.

28. Ellen Derby, b., Dayton, O., June 22, 1836; d. 1869. She m., 1858, Charles W. Eliot, President of Harvard University. They had four children.

29. Anna Huidekoper, b. Oct. 6, 1838; m., June 30, 1874, Rev. Henry W. Bellows of New York. They had three children.

30. George Derby, b. Nov. 22, 1840; d. June 10, 1842.

31. Emily Morison, b. Nov. 21, 1842; d. April 21, 1845.

32. Robert Swain, b. Feb. 22, 1845. He grad., Harvard College, 1866; is an architect in Boston of the firm of Peabody & Stearns. He m., June 8, 1871, Annie Putnam. They have four children.

33. Francis Greenwood, b. Dec. 4, 1847. He grad., Harvard College, 1869, and is a professor in the University. He m., June 11, 1872, Cora Weld and has four children.

PERHAM FAMILY.

1. OLIVER PERHAM was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Soon after the close of the war, he settled in the southeast part of Lyndeborough. He had seven sons and one dau.; two of his sons were res. of Wilton:

2. Oliver (**4**), b. July 9, 1788.

3. Samuel (**12**), b. Sept. 22, 1792.

4. OLIVER (**2**), b. July 9, 1788; he res. on lot No. 20, first range. He served three years as selectman. He m., Nov., 1810, Patty, dau. of Joel and Polly (Coburn) Holt. See Holt gen. (**104**). Children:

5. Polly, b. Aug. 17, 1811; m., June 5, 1831, John Wilson. See Wilson gen.

6. Dolly, b. June 3, 1813; m., Feb. 22, 1836, Jacob Adams, and res. in Chelmsford, Mass.

7. Anna, b. July 4, 1816; m. John R. Green, and res. in Littleton, Mass.

8. Oliver, b. Nov. 17, 1819; d., Lowell, Feb. 24, 1879. He res. in Wilton, Lyndeborough and Lowell. He m., Jan. 5, 1847, Rebecca B. Clark of Lyndeborough. See Baldwin gen. (**79**).

9. Sarah Jane, b. Nov. 12, 1822; m., May 10, 1870, Augustus C. Lovejoy of Enfield.

10. Joel Holt (**22**), b. June 24, 1826.

11. Rachel H., b. Sept. 29, 1829: d. July 4, 1862. She m., May, 1846, Edwin R. Burtt. See Burtt gen. (**11**).

12. SAMUEL (**3**), b. Sept. 22, 1792. He res. on lot No. 19, first range, and for many years worked at laying stone wall. He m., April 6, 1813, Nancy Nichols of Bedford, who d. Nov. 10, 1842, aged 55 yrs. He m., 2d, March 30, 1843, Mary Lewis. Children:

13. Eliza A., b. Sept. 1, 1813; d. April 8, 1845. She m. David Butterfield.

14. Samuel Proctor, b. Dec. 5, 1815; res. in Chelmsford, Mass.

15. Nancy, b. April 7, 1817; m. Joseph Harwood.

16. Almira, b. April 7, 1821; m., Nov. 21, 1844, Alvah A. Smith.

17. Perley P., b. Sept. 15, 1823; res. in Chelmsford, Mass. He has been representative for two terms to the Mass. Legislature.

18. Louise, b. Nov, 27, 1827; d. Nov. 9, 1842.

19. David, b. Nov. 6, 1830.

20. Lewis Woodbury (**32**), b. May 15, 1844.

21. Louise E., b. May 28, 1848; m., Jan. 14, 1873, John B. Baldwin. See Baldwin gen. (**109**).

22. JOEL HOLT (**10**), b. June 24, 1826. He res. on the homestead of his father, a part of which is in Lyndeborough. He has also pastures in Stoddard sufficient to keep sixty cattle. He m., Oct. 25, 1859, Alice G. Lynch of New Boston, who d. Aug. 5, 1883, aged 48. Children:

23. Ella J., b. Sept. 9, 1860; m. Oct. 11, 1883, and res. in Haverhill.

24. Fred. W., b. Dec. 6, 1861.

25. J. Frank, b. Sept. 25, 1863.

26. Rosa A., b. April 30, 1865; m., Jan., 1885, Elmer F. Richardson of Francestown.

27. Fannie G., b. July 12, 1867.

28. S. Ida, b. Jan. 12, 1869.

29. P. Mabell, b. Aug. 18, 1871.

30. Lizzie A., b. Sept. 9, 1874.

31. Nellie M., b. July 18, 1879.

32. LEWIS WOODBURY (**20**), b. May 15, 1844. He has a farm of over 200 acres in a good state of cultivation. In 1879, he built one of the best and most convenient barns in Wilton, with a cellar under the whole. He has served three years as selectman. He m., Dec. 30, 1874, Ida H. Lamson, who was b. Sept. 20, 1853. Children:

33. Mary L., b. Aug. 3, 1876.

34. George W., b. Feb. 19, 1878.

PERKINS FAMILY.

1. ELBRIDGE F. PERKINS, youngest son of Joseph Perkins, was b., Mont Vernon, Sept. 9, 1809. He was engaged in the tailoring business in Amherst for nearly 20 years. He came to Wilton in 1849, or 1850, where he has since res. He has been a dealer in horses. He has for many years been a salesman in a clothing store. In 1854 he served as representative to the Legislature. He m., Sept. 10, 1830, Abbie Wilkins of Mont Vernon, who d. Oct. 4, 1853. He m., 2d, Jan. 31, 1854, Mary, dau. of Col. Levi Jones of Amherst. She was b. June 13, 1820. Children:

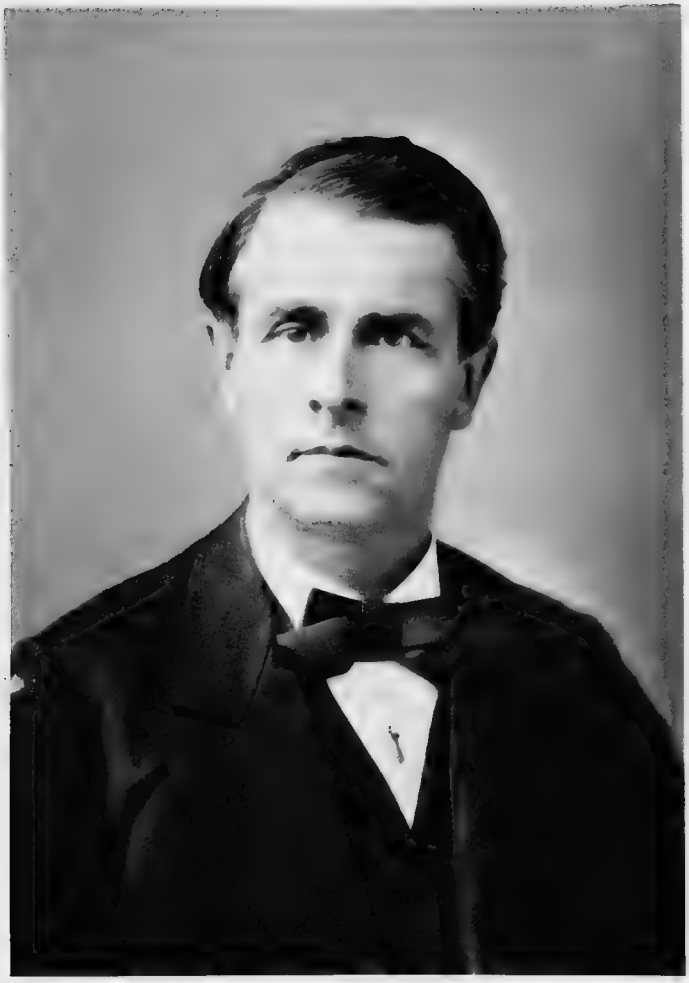
2. Levi Woodbury, b. March 26, 1855. He is settled in Custer Co., Da., and is engaged in cattle raising and farming. He m., Oct. 14, 1880, Lenora Emerson. See Emerson gen. (**9**).

3. Hattie Sophia, b. Nov. 16, 1860.

PERRY FAMILIES.

Beside Abijah and Ebenezer Perry, whose families are given below, we find the name of Jonas Perry, who was at the Battle of Bunker Hill in Capt. Crosby's co. He remained in the service that summer and the next, and in March, 1778, reënlisted and served until he died. We have not been able to discover what relationship, if any, existed between the three.

1. ABIJAH PERRY was one of the early settlers in the southwest of Wilton. His farm was sold by him, or his son Abijah, to John Kimball,



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deed dated April 30, 1801. Mr. Perry was in the Ticonderoga Campaign of 1776. Children by his wife, Phebe:

2. Abijah, b. Oct. 25, 1766.

3. Phebe, b. March 6, 1768; m., July 21, 1796, Samuel Holt, Jun., of Temple.

4. James, b. July 11, 1769.

5. Tryphena, b. Sept. 20, 1771; m., July 18, 1793, Joseph Holt. See Holt gen. (**147**).

6. Nathan, b. Oct. 8, 1773.

7. Loammi, b. May 11, 1776; d. Sept. 23, 1784.

8. Ebenezer, b. April 5, 1778.

9. Jonas, b. July 9, 1780.

10. Amos, b. May 5, 1783.

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1. EBENEZER PERRY was the first town clerk of Wilton, and served two years. At the annual meeting in 1763 he was chosen "to take the invise of Poles and estates in order for assessment." He was ensign in Capt. Timothy Clement's co., in the defence of Piscataqua harbor in 1776. He was lieutenant in service in New York in 1777, and was killed Aug. 16, 1777, at the Battle of Bennington, while in Capt. Salmon Stone's co. Children by his two wives, Hannah and Dorcas:

2. Ichabod, b. Sept. 20, 1761. He was the child of Hannah Perry. He enlisted in 1777 for the war.

3. Hannah, child by the second wife, Dorcas, b. June 8, 1766.

4. John Whitman, b. Feb. 17, 1768.

5. Jacob, b. May 2, 1770.

6. Jonathan, b. July 5, 1772.

7. Dorcas, b. July 20, 1774.

8. Ebenezer, b. Oct. 4, 1776.

PETTENGILL FAMILY.

1. SAMUEL PETTENGILL came to Wilton from Andover, Mass., in 1770. He settled on lot No. 13, second range. He was enrolled in Capt. Benjamin Mann's co., Col. James Reed's regt., as second lieutenant, April 23, 1775, and was in the Battle of Bunker Hill. He also served in the campaign of Ticonderoga in 1776, where he died. He m. Mary Holt. See Holt gen. (**39**). Children:

2. Samuel was one of the early settlers of Andover, Vt. He m., Jan. 4, 1781, Mary Holden.

3. Benjamin was in the Ticonderoga campaign, where he d. in 1776.

4. William (**5**), b., Andover, Mass., Aug. 14, 1759.

5. WILLIAM (**4**), b., Andover, Mass., Aug. 14, 1759; d. Oct. 13, 1844. In his eighteenth year he enlisted for three years, was enrolled in Capt. Isaac Frye's co., Col. Scammell's regt., and was in the hard campaign of the Indian country with Gen. Sullivan. He served three years as selectman, and also in many other offices. He was about six feet tall and very muscular, distinguished for a good share of sound common sense, and

when his opinions were formed it would take strong evidence to alter them. He held offices in the militia to the rank of captain. At his decease there was but one Revolutionary soldier left in Wilton. He m., 1783, Rhoda Haggett, b., Andover, Mass., Sept. 30, 1765. He m., 2d, June 1, 1797, Sarah, dau. of Capt. Nathan Ballard. She d. Jan. 4, 1856, aged 89 yrs. See Ballard gen. (**3**). Children:

6. Rhoda, b. April 7, 1784.

7. William (**20**), b. Nov. 12, 1785.

8. Charlotte, b. Nov. 6, 1787; m., 1810, Nahum Burton, and res. in Vermont. See Burton gen. (**36**).

9. Sophia, b. Oct. 6, 1789; m., Nov. 2, 1813, Abiel Hutchinson. See Hutchinson. gen. (**49**).

10. Betsey, b. Aug. 2, 1792; m., July, 1813, Abel Gray. See Gray gen. (**21**).

11. Lucinda, b. July 6, 1794.

12. Phebe, b. April 26, 1796; m., Feb. 19, 1819, Joseph Howard.

13. Hermon (**29**), b. April 14, 1798.

14. Ballard, b. Sept. 16, 1799. He was a brick and stone mason. He kept the hotel at East Wilton about two years. He afterwards res. in Milford, and Springfield, Mass., and from there emigrated west. He m., Jan. 25, 1831, Sally Wason, and had several children, whose record we have not been able to obtain.

15. Sally, b. Oct. 30, 1801; unm.; d. Nov. 16, 1875.

16. Rhoda, b. Sept. 5, 1803; m., Sept. 27, 1825, Levi Tyler.

17. Leonard (**37**), b. March 4, 1806.

18. Isaac, b. April 12, 1808. He began, as apprentice with Levi Tyler, to learn the carpenter's trade, and d. March 5, 1826.

19. Ezra, b. May 4, 1810; d., 1813.

20. WILLIAM (**7**), b. Nov. 12, 1785. He res. in Jaffrey for several years, but lived the last of his life in Wilton. He m., Nov. 22, 1810, Rebecca Sawyer, b. Hancock, April 14, 1786. Children:

21. William, b. May 11, 1812; d. Dec. 28, 1813.

22. William, b. March 27, 1814.

23. Abiel Sawyer, b. Dec. 21, 1815. For the last thirty-seven years he has res. in Charlestown, Mass., and has been engaged in cutting lumber in a furniture factory. He m., April 2, 1846, Eliza J. Feasebay and they have five children.

24. Eliza, b. Sept. 25, 1818; m. Burleigh French. See French gen. (**16**).

25. Lucinda, b. Oct. 26, 1820; d. July 18, 1825.

26. Mary, b. Sept. 9, 1822.

27. Samuel, b. July 18, 1824; d. May 21, 1884.

28. Rebecca J., b. Nov. 9, 1826; d. Dec. 19, 1845.

29. HERMON (**13**), b. April 14, 1798; d. Oct. 25, 1883. He was a farmer and res. on the homestead. He was two years selectman, and held the office of captain of militia. He m., June 1, 1825, Hannah Frye, who d. Feb. 10, 1850, aged 48. See Frye gen. (**30**). He m. 2d, Mary Cram of Lyndeborough. Children:

30. Isaac (**39**), b. Oct. 29, 1827.

31. Ezra, b. Oct. 29, 1827. Prior to opening the railroad to Greenfield he was engaged in driving baggage teams and stages. He m., Nov. 21, 1870, Phebe Hill of Antrim, who d. Oct. 26, 1874.

32. Julia Ann, b. Aug. 13, 1829; m., May 25, 1849, George L. Dascombe. See Dascombe gen. (**61**).

33. Hermon Abbot (42), b. Oct. 20, 1834.

34. Benjamin Franklin, b. July 15, 1836; d., Boston, April 18, 1865.

35. William, b. Nov. 2, 1840; he was mustered into Co. G, Second Regt., N. H. V., June 5, 1861, and was discharged for disability, Jan. 19, 1863. He d. March 1, 1886.

36. Lizzie, m., Dec. 16, 1875, John N. Marble.

37. Leonard (**17**), b. March 4, 1806; d. Sept. 28, 1868. He was a stone and brick mason; for a time he went on the milk cars, and was for several years postmaster at East Wilton. He m., Dec. 22, 1834, Hannah Steele. Child:

38. Henry Emmons, b. Sept. 27, 1837; m., Nov. 1, 1882, Caroline J. Farwell.

39. Isaac (**30**), b. Oct. 29, 1827; res. in Peterborough, and has long been engaged in the express business. He m., Nov. 26, 1857, Julia A. Vose of Antrim. Children:

40. Charles F., b. Aug. 18, 1858; d. Feb. 7, 1859.

41. George H., b. Sept, 16, 1860; d. Sept 11, 1862.

42. Hermon Abbot (**33**), b. Oct 20, 1834. He has been engaged in the express business. He has the appointment of postmaster at Peterborough. He m., June 6, 1858, Sarah A. Sawyer of Greenfield. Children:

43. Hattie Luella, b. Feb. 21, 1860.

44. Clara Elsie, b. Jan. 11, 1863.

PEVEY FAMILY.

1. Peter Pevey was b. April 14, 1762; d. July 6, 1836. He was in the army at the surrender of Burgoyne. Soon after the Revolutionary war he came to Wilton and ran the mills at the French place. He began a settlement in the south part of Greenfield and built him a log house. In the spring of 1789 with oxen and cart he started with the furniture for his new home. Mrs. Pevey on horseback with a bundle lashed behind the saddle, and a child in her arms, arrived at the house first. Mr. Pevey had much liking for military affairs, and held various offices in the militia to the rank of major of the 26th Regt. He m., April 8, 1787, Lucy Cummings, who was b. July 9, 1767, and d. Oct. 15, 1854. She was the sister of J. A. Cummings, author of a spelling book and geography, that were extensively used fifty or seventy-five years ago. Children:

2. Peter, b. July 29, 1788. He was for many years deacon of the church in Greenfield. He m., Wilton, June 22, 1819, Dorcas Holt; m., 2d, April 9, 1857, Tamisin Holt.

3. Sally, b. July 11, 1790; m., June 2, 1855, William Wright.

4. Lucy Cummings, b. July 3, 1792; m., Jane 11, 1816, Farnham Holt.

5. Benjamin Abbot (**14**), b. Sept. 25, 1794.

6. Jacob, b. Dec., 1796; m., Nov. 2, 1824, Susan Campbell. He m., 2d, March 26, 1840, Sarah Marsh.

7. Abiel, b. March 27, 1799; d. Nov. 29, 1799.

8. Dorcas, b. Oct. 8, 1800; m., March 2, 1824, Edward Pratt. She m., 2d, April 27, 1847, William Sheldon.

9. Elizabeth, b. April 6, 1803; d. Nov. 5, 1803.

10. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 30, 1804; m., June 4, 1833, Nehemiah Lowe.

11. Abiel, b. Jan. 17, 1807; m., Dec. 4, 1832, Louisa Stone.

12. John Merrill, b. Nov. 30, 1809; d. Dec. 2, 1809.

13. Merrill Cummings, b. Aug. 7, 1812; m., June 3, 1841, Elizabeth Stone.

14. Benjamin Abbot (**5**), b. Sept. 25, 1794; d. Nov. 16, 1864. He res. at Greenfield, Bennington and Schaghticoke, N. Y. In the fall of 1853 one of his sons bought of John A. Putnam the mill that was built by Philip Putnam, and he carried it on for about ten years. Benjamin m., May 16, 1820, Clarissa Whittemore. Children:

15. Amos Whittemore, b. April 6, 1821; d. Sept. 27, 1821.

16. Clarissa Livonia, b. Jan. 28, 1823.

17. Lucy Cummings, b. March 18, 1825; m., 1851, George S. Russell.

18. Amos Abbot, b., July 6, 1827; a dentist; m., Oct. 9, 1854, Ellen F. Judd.

19. Benjamin Merrill, b. March 25, 1831; d. Sept. 17, 1832.

20. Franklin Merrill, b., Bennington, May 2, 1833. At the age of three years his parents removed to New York state, where he res. until he was eighteen years of age. He then went to Clinton, Mass., and studied his profession, that of dentistry, which he has successfully followed until the present time. From 1854 to 1857 he practised in New Ipswich. He has lived in Wilton since his marriage. He has traded considerably in real estate. He was one of the committee for building the present town house, and the bell in the tower is his gift. He m., Dec. 26, 1858, Nancy B., dau. of Uzziel and Eliza (Barrett) Sheldon.

21. Edward Payson, b. Feb. 27, 1836. He is a wholesale pork dealer. He m., 1859, Martha J. Buell.

22. Benjamin Merrill, b. June 6, 1838. He is a dentist; m., Nov. 19, 1870, Ella Fisk.

23. Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 7, 1841; m., Oct. 17, 1866, Simeon Thompson. She m., 2d, July 4, 1871, Richard H. French.

24. Charles Kimball, b. Jan. 25, 1844. He is a dentist.

PHALEN FAMILY.

1. P. C. Phalen lives in Western New York and is a farmer. He and his wife, Emily, have had six children, only two of whom are living:

2. Arthur.

3. Frank L., b., Williamstown, Oswego Co., N. Y., May 9, 1859. He

was educated in the public schools of Camden, N. Y., the grammar schools of New York City, at the Newburgh Institute at Newburgh on the Hudson, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., and at the Theological School, Meadville, Penn. He was ordained in the Unitarian ministry, Oct. 21, 1886, in Wilton, and resigned his pastorate, Sept., 1888, to be settled over the Unitarian Society in Brattleborough, Vt. He m., March 22, 1880, Emily Stephens of New York, and has one child: Paul Sears, b. Jan. 20, 1881.

PHELPS FAMILY.

1. JOSEPH PHELPS lived on lot No. 10, first range, which was first occupied by a Mr. Blanchard, who d., leaving a widow and two small children. Mr. Phelps m. the widow, Mrs. Abigail Blanchard, and d. Dec. 30, 1778. After his death Mrs. Phelps managed the farm until her son came of age. For a year or two she had a man and his wife to assist her in carrying on the farm. It is a tradition that one night hearing a disturbance at the barn, and suspecting the cause of it, the hired man hesitated to venture out. But his wife, observing his fears, seized the gun and rushed out, calling "David, come on," and soon found the cause of the alarm. She fired the gun, and Bruin received his death wound. Children of Joseph and Abigail (Blanchard) Phelps:

2. Hannah, m., June 19, 1794, Isaac Frye. See Frye gen. (**27**).

3. Sarah, b. May 6, 1777; m., Jan. 12, 1797, John Tuttle.

4. Joseph (**5**), b. March 11, 1779.

5. JOSEPH (**4**), b. March 11, 1779; d. Oct. 3, 1840. The old farm was his home during his life. Few men had his muscular power. He m., Nov. 21, 1799, Anna, dau. of John and Sarah (Pierce) Stevens, of Wilton; she d. March 17, 1848, aged 69 yrs. Children:

6. John, b. Feb. 27, 1800; d., 1870. He m., and by his first wife had some children. He m., 2d, Mrs. Esther B. Holt.

7. Nancy, b. Jan. 15, 1803; m., Dec. 31, 1823, Samuel Spalding. See Spalding gen.

8. Cynthia, b. Aug. 20, 1805; m., March 31, 1831, John Frye. See Frye gen. (**43**).

9. Elvira, b. Feb. 19, 1808; d. Jan. 20, 1834.

10. Joseph, b. July 20, 1810. He has twice been married, and has had several children, but we have no record of them. He has been for many years in a fish market in Waltham, Mass.

11. Lorenzo, b. Aug. 14, 1816. He has been for many years superintendent of the Poor Farm at Lowell.

12. Clorinda, b. May 5, 1821; m., Sept. 26, 1844, Daniel S. Gray of Lowell. See Gray gen. (**77**).

PIERCE FAMILIES.

1. WILLIAM PIERCE was an early res. of Wilton, and sold his homestead to Samuel Sheldon a few years previous to the Revolution. The

names of William Pierce, Jun., and Asa Pierce are found in the archives of Wilton, and they are supposed to be sons of William Pierce, older than the two named below, but their names are not on the same record. William Pierce, probably the younger, served in Capt. Nathan Ballard's co. at the time of the alarm in June, 1777, also in Capt. Benjamin Mann's co. in the expedition to Rhode Island in 1778. Asa Pierce was in Capt. John Goss's co., Col. Moses Nichols's regt., in Gen. Stark's campaign at Bennington, 1777, and also served in 1778. Children of William by his wife, Hannah:

2. Benjamin (**4**), b. May 18, 1762.

3. Timothy (**11**), b. Feb. 4, 1765.

4. BENJAMIN (**2**), b. May 18, 1762; m., Oct. 27, 1785, Dorcas Lovejoy. Children:

5. Dorcas, b. Jan. 22, 1786.

6. Polly, b. April 29, 1787.

7. James, b. Aug. 17, 1789.

8. Abiel, b. March 21, 1791.

9. Asa, b. March 17, 1794; m. Betsey, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Putnam) Dodge of Andover, Vt.

10. Nancy, m. Capt. Isaac Jewett of Nelson, as his second wife. After their marriage they came to Wilton, where he d. Jan. 26, 1853. Mrs. Jewett m. for her second husband Dea. David Putnam of Lyndeborough.

11. TIMOTHY (**3**), b. Feb. 4, 1765; m., May 5, 1785, Phebe Carlton. Children:

12. Timothy, b. Aug. 15, 1785; d. Sept. 21, 1787.

13. Hannah, b. Oct. 27, 1787.

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1. LEVI A. PIERCE, b. in Temple and lived there until the spring of 1854, when he removed to the French village, Wilton, where he res. until 1858, when he bought the farm which had been owned for several years by Benjamin Chamberlain. He lived on the farm till 1879, when his health failed, and the farm was sold to Samuel F. Maynard. In 1871 and 1872 he was chosen representative to the Legislature, and, in 1872, served as selectman. He d. June 8, 1879. He m., Nov. 27, 1847, Rachel A., dau. of David and Rachel (Hutchinson) Lovejoy. See William Lovejoy gen. (**35**). Children:

2. Emily F., b. Jan. 14, 1849; m. Henry A. Holt. See Holt gen. (**292**).

3. Charles A., b. March 11, 1851; d. Sept. 27, 1867.

4. Infant, b. Jan. 27, 1853; d. Jan. 29, 1853.

5. Frank W., b. Aug. 3, 1857; d. Dec. 10, 1878.

POLLARD FAMILY.

1. JOHN POLLARD bought of James K. Leonard lot No. 17, third range, being the original Coburn farm. He with his wife removed to the place about seventeen years ago. He has been a successful farmer; n. ch.

POWERS FAMILY.

1. HENRY POWERS and wife came to this country about 1720, and settled in the town of Harvard, Mass. They had four sons and several daughters. The youngest son:

2. HENRY, b. April 3, 1753; d., Berlin, Mass, June 17, 1822. He m. Hannah Moore of Boylston, who d. aged 53. They had five sons and nine daughters, several of whom lived to an advanced age. The second son:

3. ROBERT, b. Aug. 3, 1780; d. March 14, 1859. He m. Polly Powers; they had twelve children. The youngest son:

4. JOHN, was b., Gardner, Mass., May 12, 1818. He m. Phianda Cole of Winchester, who d. Dec. 25, 1863, aged 47: Children:

5. Henry A. (8), b. April 11, 1848.

6. Julius E., b. Sept. 26, 1852.

7. Julia Irene, b. Oct. 21, 1855; d. April 11, 1866.

8. HENRY A. (5), b. April 11, 1848. He had eighteen years' experience as a druggist and apothecary before coming to Wilton. He has passed satisfactorily thorough examinations by the State Boards of Pharmacy of Rhode Island and New Hampshire. He came to Wilton Dec. 22, 1881, and began business the next day. He m., Sept., 1870, Helen W. Savage of Worcester, Mass. Children:

9. Harry Albert, b. Sept., 1871.

10. George Elmer, b. Feb. 24, 1874.

11. Grace Irene, b. Feb. 24, 1874.

PROCTOR FAMILY.

1. JOHN PROCTOR, in 1635, being then forty years old, came from London, England, in the ship Susan and Annie.

2. JOHN, son of preceding, was three years old when his father came over. He was known afterwards as "Witchcraft John," being among the first victims of the fatal delusion, and suffering the death penalty by hanging, Aug. 19, 1692, when he was 62 years old. He had two wives and fifteen children, and lived at what is now known as Proctor's Crossing in Danvers, Mass.

3. BENJAMIN, son of preceding, was b. 1670; d. 1720.

4. JOHN, son of Benjamin (3), was b. 1705; d. 1773.

5. BENJAMIN, son of John (4), was b. 1731; d. 1799.

6. JOHN, son of Benjamin (5), was b. 1763; d. 1836. He removed to Lyndeborough, and settled almost upon the summit of the mountain, about 1795.

7. SYLVESTER, son of John (6), was b., Lyndeborough, 1805; d. 1867.

8. DAVID E., son of Sylvester, was b. March 5, 1843, was educated in the district schools, and at Appleton Academy, Methuen. At the age of nineteen he enlisted, Aug. 14, 1862, as a private in Co. B, Thirteenth Regt., N. H. V., was promoted to corporal, March 13, 1863; to sergeant, Jan. 1, 1864; was appointed captain in the Thirtieth Regt., U. S. C. T., Feb. 10, 1864; breveted major, March 13, 1865; discharged, Dec. 10, 1865.

He came to Wilton from Lyndeborough, Dec. 14, 1870, and engaged with D. Gregg & Co. as clerk, at the end of two years was admitted as partner, and, Jan. 1, 1880, became sole proprietor upon the retirement of Mr. Neville. He m., Jan. 10, 1867, Sarah M. Goodrich, dau. of Dea. John C. Goodrich, and great-granddaughter of Rev. Sewall Goodrich, the first settled minister of Lyndeborough. Children:

9. Frank Edwin, b., Lyndeborough, Jan. 9, 1868.

10. Mary Emma, b., Wilton, Aug. 7, 1872.

11. Arthur Goodrich, b., Wilton, July 13, 1877; d. April 7, 1878.

12. George Sylvester, b., Wilton, Sept. 18, 1878.

13. Fred. Willis, b., Wilton, July 12, 1883.

PUTNAM FAMILY.

1. JOHN PUTNAM emigrated from Buckinghamshire, England, and settled in Salem, Mass., 1634. He was admitted freeman, 1647; d., 1662, aged about 80 yrs. Three sons * emigrated with him:

2. Thomas, the grandfather of Gen. Israel Putnam of Revolutionary fame.

3. Nathaniel (**5**), b., England, 1621.

4. John.

5. NATHANIEL (**3**), b., England, 1621; d., Salem, July 23, 1700. He m. Elizabeth Hutchinson. See Hutchinson gen. (**2**). They had five sons and two daughters, of whom we name one son:

6. Benjamin (**7**), b. Aug. 11, 1662.

7. BENJAMIN (**6**), b. Aug. 11, 1662; m., Aug. 25, 1684, Elizabeth Putnam, probably dau. of Thomas (**2**). They had seven sons and one daughter. Two of the sons, named below, have descendants living in Wilton:

8. Nathaniel (**10**), b. Aug. 25, 1685.

9. Stephen (**15**).

10. NATHANIEL (**8**), b. Aug. 25, 1685; d. Oct. 21, 1754; m., June 4, 1709, Hannah Roberts. Children:

11. Jacob (**17**), b. March 9, 1711.

12. Archelaus came to Wilton and settled on lot No. 18, ninth range,

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* In a manuscript, dated 1733, Edward Putnam, son of Thomas (**2**), then 79 years of age, wrote the following concerning the family: "From the three brothers proceeded twelve males; from those twelve, forty males; from those forty, eighty-two males. In respect to their situation in life, I can say with the Psalmist: 'I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor their seed begging bread,' except of God, who provides for all; for God hath given to the generation of my fathers Agur's portion, neither poverty nor riches, but hath fed them with food convenient for them, and their children have been able to help others in their need."

About 1825, Hon. Perley Putnam of Salem, Mass., began to gather material for a genealogy of the Putnam family, and, with the expenditure of much time and money, made a large collection. Mr. Abiel A. Putnam of Wilton called upon him, later than 1836, and learned that he intended to publish his material; but when Mr. Putnam saw him a few years later, he had given up his intention on account of the magnitude of the task. He stated, however, that he had discovered no Putnam in this country that was not descended from John (**1**) and one of his three sons.

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the spot where the County Farm buildings are situated. He sold his place, July 14, 1790, to Lieut. Oliver Whiting of Temple. We find no mention of his family in the town records. He was one of the two who refused to sign, in 1776, the resolution "to oppose with arms the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies." See pages 89, 90. In the accounts for the town of Wilton for the year ending March 13, 1780, is the following item: "In the Selectmen's hands of Money paid by Archelaus Putnam as a fine for not doing a turn in the war, £10."

13. Ephraim came to Wilton with his brother, Jacob, and settled at the intersection of the roads near the North Cemetery. He remained there not many years, but removed to Lyndeborough, where his descendants have been numerous. While living in Wilton his wife had a daughter, said to be the first child born in Wilton; she was the mother of the late Ephraim Woodward, who d., Wilton, Feb. 8, 1858, aged 90 yrs.

14. Nathaniel (**29**).

15. STEPHEN (**9**), father of the following-named:

16. Moses (**39**), b. 1740.

17. JACOB (**11**), b. March 9, 1711; d. Feb. 10, 1781. The evidence seems conclusive that Jacob and his brother, Ephraim, were living with their families in what is now Wilton in 1739. One authority states that Jacob came here in 1738, which was probably the fact, as it is not to be supposed that he brought his wife and two small children into the wilderness without some previous preparation. John Badger was undoubtedly here with his family in 1739, but he d. Feb., 1740; his family soon went away, and it is not known that any one of his name has since lived in Wilton. The record of the family of John Dale shows that the eldest of his fourteen children was b. March 31, 1745. From all this we conclude that Jacob Putnam was the first permanent settler in what is now Wilton. John Badger, the two Putnams and John Dale settled in the southern part of the township granted by Massachusetts under the name of Salem-Canada; but the establishment of the line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, soon after the settlement of Salem-Canada, made that grant void. When township No. 2 was surveyed and lotted, Jacob Putnam's settlement was found to be in the southeasterly part of lot No. 15, fifth range. On the west side of the road nearly opposite Michael McCarthy's barn, may still be seen the remains of a cellar, where Mr. Putnam's first house was undoubtedly situated; the one in which he lived until he built the house now occupied by Mr. McCarthy. It was two stories high in front and one in the rear, after the manner of many houses of that time. It so remained until it was remodelled, with additions, by Joseph Wilson, a few years before he removed to Erie Co., N. Y. We learn from records of deeds that Jacob Putnam conveyed to various persons lot No. 17, seventh range, and lots numbered 17, 18, 19 and 20, tenth range; the last farm being in the range annexed to Temple. He is said to have m. Hannah Harriman, but we find no date either of the marriage or of her death. He m., July, 1735, Susanna Styles, who d. Jan. 27, 1776. In his last will is a bequest to his "well-beloved wife,

Patience," but we have discovered no other mention of her or of the marriage. Children:

18. Sarah, b., Danvers, Mass., June 28, 1736; m. Jonathan Cram, and settled on the farm now owned by J. F. and H. W. Frye. See Jonathan Cram gen. (**1**).

19. Nathaniel (**44**), b., Danvers, April 24, 1738.

20. Philip (**56**), b. March 4, 1740.

21. Stephen (**63**), b. Sept. 24, 1741.

22. Joseph (**74**), b. Feb. 27, 1744.

23. Mehitable, b. Dec. 25, 1745; m. Daniel Holt. See Holt gen. (**110**).

24. Jacob (**86**), b. Nov. 15, 1747.

25. Archelaus (**94**), b. Oct. 6, 1749.

26. Caleb, b. March 10, 1751. He is called "blacksmith" in a deed from John Cram, conveying the place now owned by Amos Herrick. He served in Capt. Taylor's co. at Winter Hill; also in Capt. Barron's co. at Ticonderoga, where he d. Aug. 22, 1776, leaving a widow, Amy, and one daughter. His widow m., Nov. 30, 1778, Ebenezer Pearson of Duxbury School Farm.

27. Elizabeth, b. April 15, 1753; m., Nov. 26, 1778, Jacob Hadley of Alexandria, New Addition, and removed to Hyde Park, Vt. They had a large family.

28. Peter, b. Jan. 8, 1756. He d. July 3, 1776, while serving in the Ticonderoga campaign.

29. NATHANIEL (**14**) came to Wilton soon after the first settlement and settled on the hill east of J. W. Stiles's buildings, known later as the Batchelder place. His son, Francis, conveyed, 1778, to Joseph Butterfield, lots numbered 19, seventh and eighth ranges; also seven and one-half acres in the northwest part of lot No. 18, seventh range. Nathaniel's widow also quitclaimed her right in said premises. Children by his wife, Abigail:

30. Mary, b. July 24, 1744.

31. Abigail, b. Sept. 24, 1746.

32. Francis, b. Oct. 24, 1748. He was enrolled, April 23, 1775, as second sergt. in Capt. Walker's co., and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He left Wilton about 1780 and settled at Cherry Valley, N. Y.

33. Rachel, b. April 12, 1751.

34. Miriam, b. May 16, 1753.

35. Sarah, b. April 20, 1755.

36. Mehitable, b. March 21, 1758.

37. Daniel, b. Feb. 27, 1760.

38. Benjamin, b. March 9, 1762.

39. MOSES (**16**), b. 1740; d. July 25, 1801. He grad., Harvard College, 1759; came to Wilton about 1776, and lived on the place now owned by James Burton. He was elected, March 9, 1778, one of the Committee of Safety; was chosen to represent the town in a convention to be holden at Concord, for "establishing some regulations by which our sinking currency may be raised and set upon some more stable basis." He served

several years as selectman and was often on important committees. His wife, Rebekah, d. Oct. 15, 1797, aged 56 yrs. Children:

40. Stephen (**104**), b. 1772.

41. Rebekah.

42. Moses, b. July 24, 1777.

43. Aaron Kimball (**114**), b. Jan. 11, 1784.

44. NATHANIEL (**19**), b., Danvers, Mass., April 24, 1738; d. March 25, 1790. Settled on lot No. 16, sixth range; a farmer and shoemaker. He m., Dec. 2, 1762, Mary Eastman, who d. Dec. 22, 1777: m., 2d, Sept. 17, 1778, Mary Snow; she m., 2d, Jan. 18, 1795, Jonah Thayer of Heath, Mass. Children:

45. Peter, b. Nov. 29, 1763; d. April, 1856, aged 92 yrs., 5 mos., the last survivor of Revolutionary soldiers from Wilton. When sixteen years of age, he was at West Point at the time of Arnold's treason. After marriage he lived for a few years in Hancock, then removed to Andover, Vt., where he cleared up a farm in the wilderness. When about sixty-six years of age a clay bank fell upon him, breaking one leg and injuring an ankle seriously. He was then, for the first time in his recollection, confined to the house by physical disability. He m. Rachel Hills of Nottingham West, now Hudson, and had a large family; all but two of his children d. in infancy.

46. Eliphalet (**127**), b. Jan. 23, 1766.

47. Jonathan, b. Dec. 1, 1767; d. young.

48. Jonathan, b. July 29, 1770. He removed to Andover, Vt.; was a justice of the peace, and for many years held town offices. He m., Feb. 5, 1795, Abigail Burton. See Burton gen. (**22**). They had seven sons and two daughters. After living in Andover about 45 years, the whole family went west; Mr. and Mrs. Putnam to Wisconsin.

49. Elizabeth, b. April 25, 1772; m., Feb. 22, 1798, Joseph Dodge, Jun., of Hancock. Soon after marriage they removed to Andover, Vt., where he became a prominent man, and where they both d. They had two sons and five or six daughters. The eldest son lived on the homestead, represented the town in the Legislature, and was for many years town clerk or selectman.

50. Philip, b. March 15, 1775. He m. a Miss Brown and lived for several years at Chatham, Columbia Co., N. Y.; thence he went to Truxton, Cortland Co., N. Y. They had one son and three daughters.

51. Mary, b. Sept. 3, 1777; unm.; lived in Andover, Vt.

52. Phebe Snow, b. June 27, 1779; d. Dec. 14, 1786.

53. Hannah, b. Oct. 24, 1780. She m. Selah Severence of Shelburne, Mass., a prominent man in the town. They had five sons and one daughter.

54. Calvin, b. June 8, 1782. He lived for a few years after marriage at Heath, Mass., then removed to Truxton, Cortland Co., N. Y.; a successful farmer. He m., Nov. 21, 1804, Chloe Chapin of Rowe, Mass., who d. Aug. 22, 1818; m., 2d, Amy Clark of Coleraine, Mass. By his first wife he had three sons and two daughters; by his second, four sons and four daughters.

55. Abigail Fox, b. July 9, 1785; m. David Kinsman and lived in Heath, Mass. They had a large family.

56. PHILIP (**20**), b. March 4, 1740; d. Nov. 18, 1810. He settled on lot No. 18, fifth range; a farmer and cooper. He served as selectman for three years and was a representative for several years. He was captain of a company mustered Sept. 26, 1776, for three months' service in New York, and was at the battle of White Plains. He served one month at Saratoga in 1777. He was appointed a colonel of militia and a justice of the peace. For some years he was one of the three largest taxpayers in Wilton. He m., June 19, 1764, Abigail Jaquith, who d. Sept. 4, 1765; m., 2d, Hannah ———, who d. Sept. 22, 1829. Children:

57. Abigail, b. July 28, 1765; d. Aug. 29, 1765.

58. Abigail, b. Sept. 1, 1767: m., July 8, 1789, Abiel Wilson.

59. Hannah, b. April 16, 1769; m. Samuel Burton. See Burton gen. (**21**).

60. Rachel, b. Feb. 9, 1771; d. unm.

61. Sarah, b. Jan. 13, 1773; d. Nov. 26, 1838; m. Rev. Abel Fiske. See Fiske gen. (**1**).

62. Philip (**140**), b. Jan. 13, 1781.

63. STEPHEN (**21**), b. Sept. 24, 1741. He settled on lot No. 19, tenth range, on which he built a grist-mill. In a deed he is termed "housewright." In 1797 he sold his place to Deacon David Patterson and removed to Rumford, Me., where his eldest son had gone several years before. He m. Olive Varnum of Dracut. Children:

64. Stephen, b. Aug. 31, 1765; on coming of age he removed to Rumford, Me.

65. Olive, b. Oct. 2, 1766.

66. Samuel, b. May 29, 1768.

67. Esther, b. April 23, 1770.

68. Mary, b. April 10, 1772.

69. Elizabeth, b. July 11, 1774.

70. Israel, b. March 31, 1776.

71. Abigail, b. March 6, 1778.

72. Rachel, b. Feb. 28, 1780.

73. Jacob Herriman, b. Dec. 28, 1781.

74. JOSEPH (**22**), b. Feb. 27, 1744; d., Marshfield, Vt., Nov. 7, 1826. He settled on lot No. 20, tenth range, now Temple, and built a mill there. He sold his place, 1782, to Asa Stiles of Middleton, Mass., and removed to Society Land, now Bennington, and built the first mill on the falls there; the mill was afterward owned by Benjamin Burtt. He lived a few years at Alstead and thence removed to Marshfield, Vt. He m. Miriam Hamblet. Children:

75. Joseph (**147**), b. Dec. 6, 1763.

76. Miriam, b. Jan. 21, 1766.

77. Joel, b. Jan. 19, 1768; d. Jan. 21, 1768.

78. Gideon, b. Jan. 26, 1769; d. June 8, 1769.

79. Hannah, b. May 18, 1770.

80. Sarah, b. March 17, 1773.

81. Mehitable, b. April 4, 1775.
82. Gideon, b. May 26, 1777.
83. Mary, b. 1781; m.
84. Jacob, b. March 18, 1784.
85. Elizabeth, b. 1786.

86. JACOB (**24**), b. Nov. 15, 1747; d. June 2, 1821. He settled on the southwest part of lot No. 16, fourth range, the place now owned by his grandson, Jacob Putnam. He was a farmer, made spinning-wheels and ploughs, and was for many years deacon of the church. He m., 1770, Abigail Burnap, who d. June 10, 1812; m., 2d, Mrs. Lucy Spofford of Temple. Children:

87. Jacob (**154**), b. Nov. 4, 1771.
88. Abigail, b. April 29, 1773; d. Feb. 20, 1827; unm.
89. John (**169**), b. Nov. 24, 1774.
90. Caleb, b. Oct. 7, 1776; d. Nov. 17, 1777.
91. Caleb (**182**), b. March 24, 1779.
92. Ruth, b. Jan. 20, 1781; d. Aug. 7, 1801.
93. Edah, b. Feb. 21, 1783; m., Nov. 19, 1816, Stephen Cooper, and lived in Antrim and Francestown.

94. ARCHELAUS (**25**), b. Oct. 6, 1749. He lived on the homestead with his father, who conveyed to him by a deed, dated June 17, 1776, a part of the premises, and the remainder by a will proved Feb. 28, 1781. On April 14, 1792, Archelaus conveyed the premises to George Barrett of New Ipswich; on the same date the premises were conveyed by Barrett to Abiel Wilson, who occupied them until his death. Archelaus removed with his family to Andover, Vt. He m. Mary Nichols. Children:

95. Archelaus, b. June 11, 1776. In the Wilton record of marriages is found the following: "1801, Jan. 27, Archelaus Putnam of Andover, Vt., to Miss Phebe Parker of Wilton." See Hananiah Parker gen. (**3**). He invented an accelerating wheelhead, for which he obtained a patent. About 1823 he removed into New York state.
96. Anna, b. Oct. 26, 1777.
97. Mary, b. July 19, 1779.
98. Susanna, b. Jan. 14, 1781.
99. Huldah, b. May 10, 1782.
100. Ama, b. June 2, 1784.
101. Peter, b. Dec. 26, 1785.
102. Abigail, b. July 8, 1787.
103. Samuel, b. May 1, 1789.

104. STEPHEN (**40**), b. 1772; d. Sept. 18, 1821. He worked at hewing timber, framing buildings and such other jobs as came to hand; he also built and carried on the grist-mill on the north side of the brook at Barnes's Falls. He m., Sept. 19, 1797, Sarah Burton. See Burton gen. (**14**). Children:

105. Stephen, b. Nov. 11, 1797; m., April 24, 1828, Hannah, dau. of Theodore and Rebecca (Heald) Barker of Temple. See David Barker gen. (**2**). They removed to Steuben Co., N. Y.
106. Sylvester, b. Feb. 8, 1799.

107. Hiram, b. Nov. 13, 1800.

108. Rebecca, b. Aug. 31, 1802.

109. Cyrus, b. Sept. 13, 1804.

110. Sarah, b. July 20, 1808.

111. Moses, b. July 30, 1810.

112. Ira, b. Sept. 22, 1813.

113. John Franklin, b. March 2, 1817.

114. AARON KIMBALL (**43**), b. Jan. 11, 1784; d. March 25, 1871. He learned the trade of house finishing of Mr. Jewett of Temple, and while he worked at his trade had several apprentices. He lived on the farm now owned by Deacon Charles Wilson, and for many years before his death his business was farming. He adopted the system of soiling, and on about 30 acres kept a horse and from five to seven cows. He m. Polly Shattuck of Temple, who d. Oct. 10, 1841, aged 54 yrs.; m., 2d, Nancy Wright of Mason, who d. Aug. 28, 1875, aged 68 yrs. Children:

115. Polly Russ, b. Sept. 17, 1809; d. Oct. 10, 1838.

116. Evelina, b. March 31, 1811; m., April 22, 1832, William Emerson. See Emerson gen. (**1**).

117. Sally, b. Feb. 15, 1813; m., Dec. 25, 1834, John Mills. See Mills gen. (**1**).

118. Aaron K., b. Dec. 13, 1814; d. Aug. 1, 1816.

119. Aaron K., b. Jan. 23, 1817; d. March 16, 1818.

120. Levi (**195**), b. Dec. 4, 1818.

121. Hervey (**198**), b. Sept. 21, 1820.

122. Daniel Pratt, b. July 9, 1822. He lived for several years in Bethlehem, but removed, many years since, to Cleveland, O. He m. a Miss Peavey; n. ch.

123. Matilda Rockwood, b. Oct. 23, 1824; d. Sept. 16, 1886. She m., Jan. 1, 1855, Samuel F. Maynard, who d. Aug. 10, 1856. See Maynard gen. (**1**). She m., 2d, Nov. 9, 1865, Charles Wilson of New Ipswich. Not many years after their marriage they came to Wilton. Mr. Wilson is deacon of the Second Cong. Ch.

124. Rufus (**202**), b. March 3, 1827.

125. Ann Jane, b. July 26, 1829; m. Stephen C. Coburn and res. in Milford.

126. Mary Cordelia, child by second wife.

127. ELIPHALET (**46**), b. Jan. 23, 1766; d. of lung fever, Feb. 25, 1826. He served nearly seven years with Samuel Rockwood of Groton, Mass., to learn the cloth-dresser's trade. The first clothing mill in Wilton was fitted up by Jacob Abbot, near where Samuel W. Smith's knob shop now stands. Mr. Putnam, after he came of age, worked there four or five years, until that mill and a grist-mill near it were burned. He took a lease of David Kenny, dated Aug. 3, 1792, and running nine hundred ninety-nine years, of the water privilege now owned by Daniel Cragin, on which he built a clothing mill that stood until 1817, when it was taken down, and a building two stories high was built, in which he put carding machines. In 1808 he bought the farm of Mr. Kenny, and in 1813 built the house now owned by Mr. Cragin. He, Abiel Wilson and Joseph Holt

were elected selectmen in 1796 and served ten years consecutively; it being much the longest term that the same board has served in Wilton. He held offices in the militia to the rank of captain, and was deacon of the church for about fifteen years. He m., Feb. 3, 1795, Dorcas Abbot, dau. of Maj. Abiel Abbot. Children:

128. Rachel, b. Feb. 11, 1796; m., July 23, 1820, Calvin Dascomb. See Dascomb gen. (**36**).

129. Eliphalet, b. Oct. 25, 1797; d. Oct. 7, 1799.

130. Eliphalet, b. Oct. 26, 1799; d. Oct. 16, 1862. He taught school for several winters, and for a few years worked at cloth-dressing and carding. In 1833 he began to manufacture bobbins. He was for many years a justice of the peace and was administrator of many estates. He m., July 27, 1823, Hannah Russell, who d. March 14, 1857; m., 2d, Persis Lovejoy of Milford. See William Lovejoy gen. (**44**); n. ch.

131. Abiel Abbot (**206**), b. July 29, 1801.

132. Sewall, b. Aug. 10, 1803; d. Oct. 21, 1803.

133. Sewall (**213**), b. April 27, 1805.

134. Samuel, b. May 5, 1807; d. Dec. 6, 1814.

135. Dorcas, b. April 8, 1809; d. May 15, 1810.

136. Dorcas, b. April 8, 1811; d. March 15, 1887; m., Sept. 2, 1834, Amos Putnam (**246**).

137. Mary Eastman, b. July 30, 1813; d. April 13, 1830.

138. Abigail, b. March 11, 1817; m., Aug. 27, 1835, George Buss. See Buss gen. (**35**).

139. Samuel (**220**), b. Sept. 14, 1819.

140. PHILIP (**62**), b. Jan. 13, 1781. He lived on the homestead with his father; received the appointment of coroner, and was generally known as "Esquire Philip." He m., Aug. 18, 1802, Ziba Sheldon; m., 2d, Mary Allen of Billerica, Mass. Children:

141. Rachel, b. Aug. 15, 1805; d. Feb. 14, 1830; m., March 31, 1828, Isaac Giddings.

142. Hannah, b. July 4, 1808; m., June 1, 1830, Isaac Giddings. They lived in Temple. He was a blacksmith and farmer; removed to West Wilton, 1873.

143. Sally, b. Oct. 10, 1809; d. 1846; m., 1843, Benjamin Beard of Billerica, Mass.

144. Philip, first child by second wife, b. Aug. 30, 1815; d. Feb. 13, 1853; unm. He worked for several years in Maine as a sawyer.

145. John Allen (**222**), b. Nov. 4, 1823.

146. George H., b. April 26, 1827; d. young.

147. JOSEPH (**75**), b. Dec. 6, 1763; d., Amherst, Feb. 5, 1861, aged 97 yrs., 2 mos. He was the oldest man, born in Wilton, of whom we have any record. At the time of his marriage he was living at Society Land. He went from there to Amherst and for many years ran the mill near the village. He m., Nov. 28, 1787, Rebecca Burton. See Burton gen. (**10**). Children:

148. Joseph (**229**), b. Jan. 4, 1790.

149. John, b. May 7, 1793; a machinist and lived in Lowell, Mass.; m., April 6, 1817, Sabrina Willey and had several children.

150. James, b. June 19, 1797; res., Goffstown; m. Elizabeth Marsh.

151. Jacob, b. Dec. 14, 1801.

152. Pamela, m. Hugh Brown.

153. Mary, m. Hiram D. Stearns.

154. JACOB (**87**), b. Nov. 4, 1771. He lived for several years in Andover, Vt., thence went to Manchester, Vt., and to Pawlet, Vt., where he resided for some years, then removed to Westfield, N. Y. He m., Jan. 14, 1796, Mary Burton. See Burton gen. (**30**). Children:

155. Jacob, b. Oct. 4, 1796.

156. Polly, b. Dec. 29, 1797.

157. Sophia, b. July 28, 1799.

158. Abigail, b. Jan. 12, 1801.

159. Abram (**233**), b., Andover, Vt., April 13, 1802.

160. Amos (**246**), b., Andover, Vt., April 14, 1804.

161. Ruth, b. Nov. 24, 1805.

162. Lydia, b. March 6, 1807.

163. Sophronia, b. July 13, 1808.

164. Betsey, b. Dec. 18, 1809.

165. Ransom, b. July 29, 1811.

166. John, b. June 3, 1813; res. in Westfield, N. Y.

167. William, d. young.

168. George Washington, b. July 7, 1818; has for many years been postal clerk on the route from Syracuse to Cleveland.

169. JOHN (**89**), b. Nov. 24, 1774; d., Nashua, March 16, 1835. He was a botanical physician and practised in Wilton and the neighboring towns. He resided at Wilton Centre, on the place now owned by Mrs. Davis, until 1832, when he removed to Hudson and thence to Nashua. He m., July 7, 1803, Mary Herrick, who d., Dexter, Me., in her one hundredth year, being the oldest native of Wilton of whom we have any knowledge. See Herrick gen. (**60**). Children:

170. Mary Farnum, b. Nov. 3, 1803; m., 1830, Henchman Sylvester.

171. Sarah H., b. June 5, 1805; m., Aug., 1831, Samuel Farrar of Bangor, Me.; n. ch. They adopted the two children left by her sister, Mary.

172. John, b. June 8, 1807. A carpenter. As he was loading a cannon at the reception of Gen. Samuel Houston at Nashua in 1848, a premature discharge tore off his right hand, and it was amputated above the wrist. He m., Sept. 12, 1834, Abigail Holt of Temple. They had seven children.

173. Ephraim Abbot, b. April 3, 1809. A shoemaker. He m. a Miss Emerson; four children.

174. Nancy, b. Aug. 17, 1811; m. Dr. Albert Thayer.

175. Abigail, b. May 4, 1813.

176. Adaline, b. May 18, 1815; m., 1834, Nathaniel Bryant.

177. Lyman, b. Jan. 29, 1818; d. Feb. 23, 1881. He m. in 1867 and had one child, but his wife and child d. before his death.

178. George, b. May 23, 1820; d. June 8, 1821.

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179. George Quincy Hill, b. May 31, 1822; m. 1849.

180. Franklin Reed, b. Oct. 3, 1823; d. 1876. He m. and lived in Davenport, Iowa; eight children.

181. Charles Edwin, b. Sept. 14, 1826; went to California.

182. CALEB (**91**), b. March 24, 1779; d. Sept. 8, 1862. A farmer and lived on the homestead. He held military offices to the rank of captain in the Cavalry Co. of the 22d Regt. of militia. For several years he took the lead of the singing in church. He m., Feb. 4, 1801, Lydia Spalding, who d. Nov. 17, 1811, aged 37 yrs.; m., 2d, Jane Longley of Shirley, Mass., who d. Jan. 2, 1854, aged 65 yrs.; m., 3d, Mrs. Sarah Shattuck Putnam of Lyndeborough. Children:

183. Caleb, d. young.

184. Lydia, b. Sept. 3, 1813; m., April 30, 1844, Samuel Goldsmith. See Goldsmith gen. (**23**).

185. Jane, b. Dec. 25, 1814; m., May 8, 1856, Orin Blood. See Blood gen. (**16**).

186. Caleb, b. Sept. 15, 1816; d., Wilton, Jan. 23, 1845; unm. A machinist.

187. Roxana, b. July 16, 1818; m., June 6, 1849, Augustus F. Peacock.

188. Samuel, b. May 18, 1820. After his marriage he lived in Leominster, Mass. He worked as a carpenter until Dec., 1850, when he formed a partnership with Lewis Phelps to carry on the tanning and currying business on the Burrage place in North Leominster. In June, 1876, he was chosen president of the First National Bank of Leominster. He m., Nov. 27, 1845, Jane Augusta Pierce, who d. Jan. 12, 1880; m., 2d, Melora F. Goodridge; n. ch. An adopted daughter m., June 10, 1879, George Pratt.

189. Jacob (**254**), b. Aug. 16, 1822.

190. Ruth Ann, b. June 19, 1824; d. Oct. 28, 1838.

191. Asa Longley (**257**), b. July 9, 1826.

192. Andrew Jackson (**263**), b. July 25, 1828.

193. Artemas (**269**), b. Jan. 1, 1831.

194. Sarah M., b. Oct. 13, 1834; m., April 11, 1861, Calvin D. Blanchard, a farmer; res. Harvard, Mass.

195. LEVI (**120**), b. Dec. 4, 1818. For several years he lived in Milford, and, in company with Joseph Lundy, ran the first cylinder planing machine used in Milford for dressing lumber. In 1850 he built a dam on Rocky River and erected a mill for dressing lumber and for the manufacture of furniture, and was the first to use a cylindrical planing machine in Wilton. He m., June 5, 1845, Harriet E. Stevens of Bedford, who d. Oct. 14, 1866; m., 2d, Alicia S. Kendall of Dunstable, Mass. Children:

196. Ella Elizabeth, b. Aug. 17, 1847; m., 1873, Joshua H. Putnam of Danvers, Mass.; d. March 24, 1874, leaving one daughter.

197. Levi Ernest, b. Aug. 2, 1861; d. March 12, 1879.

198. HERVEY (**121**), b. Sept. 21, 1820. He lived in Milford until 1850, when he removed to Wilton and carried on business with his brother, Levi, for several years; a few years after the dissolution of the partnership he returned to Milford. In 1855 he was chosen a selectman of

Wilton. He m., May 11, 1843, Lavinia Hall, who was b., Milford, March 29, 1823. Children:

199. Louise Maria, b. April 1, 1844; m., Jan. 19, 1871, William S. Phelan; res. Oakland, Cal.

200. William Kimball, b. Aug. 7, 1846; m., Oct. 31, 1878, Emma J. Jordan; carries on harness-making and carriage-trimming at Milford, N. H.

201. Martin Waterman, b. Nov. 16, 1851; m., Oct. 28, 1875, Annie Brown; res. in Brightwood, Ind.

202. RUFUS (**124**), b. March 3, 1827; m., May 6, 1861, Mary J. Ramsdell of New Ipswich, where he res. Children:

203. Daniel Elmer, b. Sept. 28, 1864.

204. Mary Estelle, b. Dec. 9, 1867; d. Feb. 25, 1868.

205. Alice Luella, b. Jan. 30, 1871.

206. ABIEL ABBOT (**131**), b. July 29, 1801; d. Dec. 30, 1881. When he was eighteen years old he had a severe illness, and for a few years his chest was so diseased that he was unable to labor. He studied for one term at Union Academy, Meriden, and taught school for several terms. For a few years he worked at carding and cloth-dressing, and afterward at wood-turning. He m., Feb. 12, 1835, Mary Ann Raddin, who was b., Saugus, Mass., July 18, 1803, and d. Dec. 9, 1859. Children:

207. Abiel Edwin, b. March 13, 1836. He enlisted as a recruit, Aug. 21, 1862, and was assigned to Co. D., Fourth Regt., N. H. V. He d. on the hospital boat on the James River, Va., Aug. 17, 1864.

208. Henry Eliphalet (**274**), b. May 12, 1837.

209. Josephine (**277**), b. Nov. 24, 1838.

210. Samuel Abbot, b. July 12, 1840. He enlisted in the Sixteenth Regt., N. H. V., a regiment which lost more men by disease than any other from New Hampshire. As the regiment was on its way home, he was left on the hospital boat at Vicksburg, but arrived home a week later than the rest. He is engaged in the manufacture of furniture. He m., May 2, 1877, Sophia Jennie Gardner of Charlestown, Mass., where he res.

211. Arthur Herbert, b. Sept. 2, 1842. A furniture manufacturer; res. Nashua. He m., Dec. 20, 1876, Lucy Isabelle Putnam (**295**).

212. Abro Hale (**284**), b. April 18, 1846.

213. SEWALL (**133**), b. April 27, 1805. He has been a farmer; was elected selectman ten times, and once refused to serve; was county commissioner three years, and a justice of the peace for twenty years. For about fifty years he practised surveying land and running lines, as occasion called. He m., Aug. 27, 1835, Hannah M. Glidden of Gilmanton, who was b. Aug. 6, 1813, and d. Feb. 21, 1867. Children:

214. Laura Ann (**286**), b. June 25, 1836.

215. Mary Augusta, b. Sept. 30, 1838; m., June 14, 1866, Charles H. Gilman of Gilmanton, who for some years, in company with a nephew, carried on a grocery and provision store in Greenbush, N. Y. While on his return from Southern California, he d., March, 1886, in the car before reaching Little Rock.

216. Ellen (**289**), b. Nov. 5, 1840.

217. Emily Dorothy, b. Dec. 12, 1842; d. July 18, 1858.

218. Warren Prescott, b. Feb. 8, 1845. On Aug. 8, 1863, he began to learn the blacksmith's trade of Charles A. Bales, and worked for him until April 1, 1871. He then hired the shop and tools for five years; at the end of that period he and Mr. Bales became partners, under the firm-name of Bales & Putnam, and have so continued to this time. He m., Nov. 26, 1874, Helen Merritt of Bedford, Mass.

219. Eliza Jane, b. June 29, 1848. For sixteen years she was employed by the Watch Factory at Waltham. In 1876 she assisted in running the company's machinery at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, and from April to November, 1885, she performed the same service at the International Inventors' Exhibition in London. She m., June 15, 1886, Nelson H. Tenney of South Acton, Mass.

220. SAMUEL (**139**), b. Sept. 14, 1819; d. Nov. 11, 1853. He was for several years in the firm of A. & W. Jones & Co., manufacturers of boots and shoes. He m., May 14, 1845, Phebe S. Jones. See Joel Jones gen. (**4**). Child:

221. Martha, a successful teacher.

222. JOHN ALLEN (**145**), b. Nov. 4, 1823. For several years he carried on the mill built by his father, sold it about 1853 and removed to Lyndeborough. He m., July 13, 1849, Louise E. Cram of Lyndeborough. Children:

223. Elvira M., b. June 4, 1851; m. George Cheney.

224. Philip, b. Sept. 17, 1853; m. L. Atwood.

225. Abba, b. Sept. 8, 1854; m. George Brown.

226. John F., b. June 3, 1865; d. Aug. 14, 1865.

227. Hattie M., b. April 6, 1866; m. Henry U. Hanover.

228. Clintie A., b. March 20, 1868; d. Sept. 13, 1880.

229. JOSEPH (**148**), b. Jan. 4, 1790. A machinist and iron-forger. He worked at making the machinery for the first factory in Wilton, where he lived for several years. He m. Lucy Rumrill. Children:

230. Peter Hamilton (**292**), b. Sept. 11, 1819.

231. Caroline.

232. Harriet.

233. ABRAM (**159**), b., Andover, Vt., April 13, 1802; d., Manchester, April 9, 1876. He came to Wilton about 1812 and worked at farming until 1828, when he began to make bobbins, and worked at that business for the rest of his life. He removed from Wilton and lived one year in Antrim, four years in Danbury, three in Lowell, two in Plaistow and fourteen years in Manchester. He was an industrious, trustworthy man, and a deacon in the Baptist Church. He m., Sept. 29, 1829, Mary Russell, who d. June 30, 1835. See Russell gen. (**26**). He m., 2d, Clarissa, dau. of Deacon Moses Greeley of Hudson. Children:

234. William H., b., Wilton, Sept. 12, 1830; a dry-goods salesman; res. in Boston; m., Sept. 13, 1858, Mattie A. Bruce of Clinton, Mass.

235. George R., b., Wilton, Dec. 4, 1831; d. Dec. 21, 1831.

236. Moses G., b., Wilton, Sept. 24, 1837; d., Antrim, Oct. 5, 1845.

237. Mary R., b., Wilton, Dec. 21, 1838; d., Nashua, April 11, 1858.

238. George T. D., b., Wilton, Nov. 22, 1840; d., Plaistow, April 18, 1881; m., Feb. 6, 1876, Laura S. Carlton of Plaistow.

239. Lucy A., b., Wilton, Dec. 28, 1841: d., Manchester, May 18, 1872.

240. Hannah C., b., Wilton, April, 1843; d. April, 1843.

241. Abram B., b., Antrim, May 4, 1845; d. Oct. 29, 1871. A carpenter. He m., May 9, 1871, Anna W. Lufkin of South Levant, Me.

242. Clara S. G., b., Danbury, June 5, 1847; d. March 27, 1870.

243. Joseph G., b., Danbury, May 25, 1849. A designer and carver; res., Fitchburg, Mass. He m., May 26, 1881, Mary Anna George of Manchester.

244. Augustine T., b. Feb., 1851; d., Lowell, Aug. 15, 1851.

245. Stephen G., b., Nashua, Oct. 17, 1852. A wood engraver; res. in Jersey City, N. J. He m., May 21, 1881, Fannie Vetter of New York City.

246. Amos (**160**), b., Andover, Vt., April 14, 1804. He resided in Wilton for a few years before and after his marriage, then removed to Westfield, N. Y.; after a few years he returned to Wilton, where he lived until the death of his wife; since then he has been in Nashua. He m., Sept. 2, 1834, Dorcas Putnam (**136**), who d. March 15, 1887. Children:

247. Mary Augusta, b. Sept. 15, 1835; d. Oct. 5, 1835.

248. Emma Frances, b. Sept. 3, 1836; d. Oct. 20, 1841.

249. Samuel Abbot (**297**), b., Westfield, N. Y., July 23, 1840.

250. William Jacob (**300**), b., Wilton, April 17, 1842.

251. Emma Dorcas (**303**), b. Feb. 28, 1844.

252. George Tillon, b. Sept. 9, 1846. A photographer and lives in Middleborough, Mass. He m., Nov. 24, 1870, Abbie Sumner.

253. Mary Alma, b. Jan. 16, 1849; d. July 25, 1872.

254. Jacob (**189**), b. Aug. 16, 1822. He resides on the homestead of his father and grandfather, to which he has added a large pasture and the larger part of the farm of Jacob Putnam, the original settler. The house, built more than one hundred years ago by his grandfather, Jacob (**86**), was a square building of two stories with the chimney in the middle. He has remodelled it and added to it so as to make it convenient for two families. He has built a barn, 130x40 feet, with a cellar under the whole, keeps from 30 to 40 cows and sells the milk to D. Whiting & Sons. Like most of the farmers of Wilton, he has cleared his plough-fields of rocks so that they can be mowed with a machine. For the last ten years he has raised, on an average, from 1000 to 1200 baskets of corn a year; in 1885 and 1886 he raised over 1700 baskets each year. He has served as selectman for three years, and has twice been elected a representative to the Legislature. On July 4, 1882, the centennial of the building of his house, he received by invitation the Putnams of Wilton and its vicinity, with others, to the number of some hundreds. His guests were hospitably entertained with a dinner, music and the flow of soul to the entire satisfaction of all present. He m., Dec. 31, 1850, Flora Ann, dau. of Micah Hartshorn of Lyndeborough; she d. Oct. 24, 1875. He m., 2d, Jan. 15, 1877, Anna F. Upton of Nashua. Children:

255. Flora Jane (**310**), b. Feb. 4, 1854.

256. Hannah Annabelle (**314**), b. May 24, 1857.

257. Asa Longley (**191**), b. July 9, 1826; lives on a farm in North Leominster; m., May 5, 1864, Isabelle Chute. Children:

258. Samuel, b. Feb. 12, 1865.

259. Sarah Maria, b. Sept. 20, 1867; d. May 7, 1870.

260. Asa, b. March 31, 1869.

261. George, b. Dec. 11, 1870; d. Feb. 2, 1877.

262. Andrew Worcester, b. Dec. 28, 1872.

263. Andrew Jackson (**192**), b. July 25, 1828. He with his brother, Artemas, built, 1863, the tannery at East Wilton and carried it on for some years, but, owing to financial embarrassment, it is now unoccupied. He m., May 1, 1861, Sarah Flagg Whitney of Adrian, Mich. Children:

264. Samuel H., b. Oct. 26, 1862; d. Nov. 10, 1863.

265. Willie, b. Feb. 13, 1864. Clerk in the Savings Bank at Leominster, Mass.

266. Hattie L., b. Dec. 6, 1865.

267. Mabel L., b. April 23, 1868.

268. Augusta W., b. March 26, 1873.

269. Artemas (**193**), b. Jan. 1, 1831. A tanner and currier; he lived for several years at North Leominster, Mass., and removed, 1863, to Wilton, where he has twice been chosen selectman. He m., May 2, 1854, Mary O. Kidder. See Kidder gen. (**8**). Children:

270. Willie, b. June 6, 1855; d., June 7, 1855.

271. Mary Ida, b. Feb. 4, 1858; m., Oct. 5, 1882, Charles A. Burtt. See Burtt gen. (**10**).

272. John C. (**317**), b. March 31, 1860.

273. Fred Brooks (**319**), b. June 12, 1862.

274. Henry Eliphalet (**208**), b. May 12, 1837. In the time of the Rebellion he was on garrison duty at Fort Independence in Boston Harbor. He lives in Reading, Mass., and is engaged in the manufacture of furniture. He m., Nov. 2, 1863, Mary Eliza Cook. Children:

275. Grace Cook, b. July 7, 1867.

276. Ada Kendall, b. Oct. 10, 1871.

277. Josephine (**209**), b. Nov. 24, 1838; m., Aug. 9, 1861, Orange S. Cook. Mr. Cook enlisted in the Twenty-first Regt., Mass. V.; served under Burnside in North Carolina, and under Pope in Virginia; was severely wounded at Chantilly, and, after being in the hospital for several months, was honorably discharged. Children:

278. Horace Burnside (Cook), b. April 21, 1864.

279. Edwin Putnam (Cook), b. Dec. 12, 1865.

280. Mary Josephine (Cook), b. April 3, 1868.

281. Brooks Dascomb (Cook), b. Sept. 15, 1871.

282. Marion Raddin (Cook), b. Jan. 3, 1877.

283. Olive Scott (Cook), b. Dec. 28, 1877.

284. Abro Hale (**212**), b. April 18, 1846; d., Gainsville, Flor., April 22, 1883. A furniture manufacturer. He m., Dec. 31, 1879, Ellen Jane Russell of Brookline. Child:

285. Edwin Ernest, b. Nov. 22, 1880.

286. LAURA ANN (**214**), b. June 25, 1836; m., June 8, 1862, Joseph Tirrell, a farmer; res. in Goffstown. Children:

287. Carrie Augusta (Tirrell), b. June 11, 1864. A grad. of McGaw Institute; is engaged in teaching.

288. Albert Sewall (Tirrell), b. Jan. 20, 1870.

289. ELLEN (**216**), b. Nov. 5, 1840; d. April 7, 1875; m., Sept. 27, 1866, Charles A. Emerson of Wilton, a carpenter. See Emerson gen. (**19**). Children:

290. Mabel Putnam (Emerson), b. Jan. 23, 1868. A grad. of Nashua High School, 1887.

291. Abiel Livermore (Emerson), d. in infancy.

292. PETER HAMILTON (**230**), b. Sept. 11, 1819. A carpenter, machinist and furniture maker; lived for some time in California. He m., May, 1846, Ruby Steele, who d. Feb. 4, 1848; m., Oct., 1848, Lavinia Lane, who d. July 26, 1854; m., 3d, July, 1862, Mrs. Hannah W. (Perkins) Beard, who d. Feb. 8, 1884. See Beard gen. (**1**). Children:

293. Ella M., b. Dec., 1847; d. Sept. 8, 1860.

294. Clara A., b. May, 1849; m. Henry H. Shattuck.

295. Lucy Isabelle, b. Sept., 1850; m. Arthur H. Putnam (**211**).

296. William H. (**322**), b. Aug., 1852.

297. SAMUEL ABBOT (**249**), b., Westfield, N. Y., July 23, 1840. He was mustered, Sept. 18, 1861, into Co. D, Fourth Regt., N. H. V. He went with the regiment to South Carolina and was honorably discharged for disability, Sept. 18, 1862. A photographer, and lives in Hyannis, Mass. He m., Sept. 25, 1861, Harriet Parker of Wilton. Children:

298. Eldon, b. Nov. 25, 1865; lives in Kansas.

299. Arthur Ernest, b. Nov. 4, 1867; d. Aug. 12, 1868.

300. WILLIAM JACOB (**250**), b., Wilton, April 17, 1842. Resides on a farm in Nashua. He m., May 24, 1874, Eldora, dau. of Luther A. Tarbell. Children:

301. Dora Arlin, b. Oct. 30, 1877.

302. George William, b. Feb. 6, 1883.

303. EMMA DORCAS (**251**), b. Feb. 28, 1844; m., April 30, 1871, Charles L. Otis of Hancock. He is a farmer and lives near the depot in Hancock. Children:

304. Mary Emma (Otis), b. March 22, 1873.

305. Helen Frances (Otis), b. March 30, 1875.

306. Louis Royal (Otis), b. March 15, 1877.

307. Ernest Mansel (Otis), b. June 9, 1879; d. April 24, 1881.

308. Charles Leland (Otis), b. March 25, 1882.

309. Dean Putnam (Otis), b. Sept. 18, 1883.

310. FLORA JANE (**255**), b. Feb. 4, 1854; m. Herbert Wilkerson. Mr. Wilkerson was b. in the parish of Basley, Hertfordshire, Eng., Dec. 26, 1849, landed in New York, Aug. 18, 1868, and bought, July, 1873, the farm originally owned by Deacon John Burton, on which he now resides. Children:

311. Eddie C. (Wilkerson), b. Aug. 20, 1873.

312. Flora A. (Wilkerson), b. Feb. 21, 1876.

313. Jacob Perley (Wilkerson), b. Dec. 9, 1877.

314. HANNAH ANNABELLE (**256**), b. May 24, 1857; m., June 3, 1878, Henry A. Proctor, who was b., Stoddard, Sept. 22, 1854. He resides on the farm with his wife's father. Children:

315. Henry Putnam (Proctor), b. June 29, 1881.

316. Anna Jane (Proctor), b. July 10, 1885.

317. JOHN C. (**272**), b. March 31, 1860; m., March 31, 1880, Gertrude A. Nutting. Child:

318. Clyde Artemas, b. Sept. 4, 1883; d. July 23, 1884.

319. FRED. BROOKS (**273**), b. June 12, 1862; m., Sept. 7, 1881, Lizzie F. Crooker of Hillsborough. Children:

320. Minnie Edith, b. June 25, 1882.

321. Fred. Ernest, b. Sept. 10, 1883.

322. WILLIAM H. (**296**), b. Aug., 1852; m. Ella Heath Gray, who d. Sept. 13, 1887. See Gray gen. (**104**). Children:

323. Clytie G., b. Dec. 16, 1876.

324. Henry H., b. Aug. 17, 1878.

325. Hattie L., b. May 10, 1880.

326. George N., b. Aug. 2, 1882; d. Sept. 14, 1882.

327. Mary I., b. Sept. 18, 1883.

328. Alice, b. Nov. 26, 1886.

RAMSEY FAMILY.

1. ABRAM A. RAMSEY, b., Greenfield, Aug. 14, 1835, came to Wilton, April, 1867, and was for three years in trade with his brother-in-law, William K. Baldwin. At this time he is a broker and insurance agent. He has been for several years a justice of the peace, and also an efficient collector of taxes. He m., Nov. 28, 1860, Helen P. Baldwin, who was b., Bennington, Feb. 25, 1838. Child:

2. Anna A., b., Wilton, Aug. 23, 1870.

RAYMOND FAMILY.

1. CHARLES RAYMOND, b., Bedford, Jan. 13, 1822. Soon after his birth his parents removed to Amherst. He came to Wilton March 31, 1852, and some years later he built a house in the northwest part of East Wilton, where for many years he has had summer boarders. He m., May 7, 1850, Angeline E. Raymond, who was b., Carlisle, Mass., Nov. 11, 1820.

RICHARDSON FAMILY.

1. THOMAS RICHARDSON lived on lot No. 16, first range. He left Wilton between 1787 and 1790. Children by his wife, Phebe:

2. Eunice, b. Sept. 21, 1758; d. Nov. 2, 1758.

3. Phebe, b. Dec. 9, 1759.

4. Hannah, b. April 9, 1761.

5. Stephen, b. Feb. 17, 1763.

6. Thomas, b. Oct. 31, 1764.

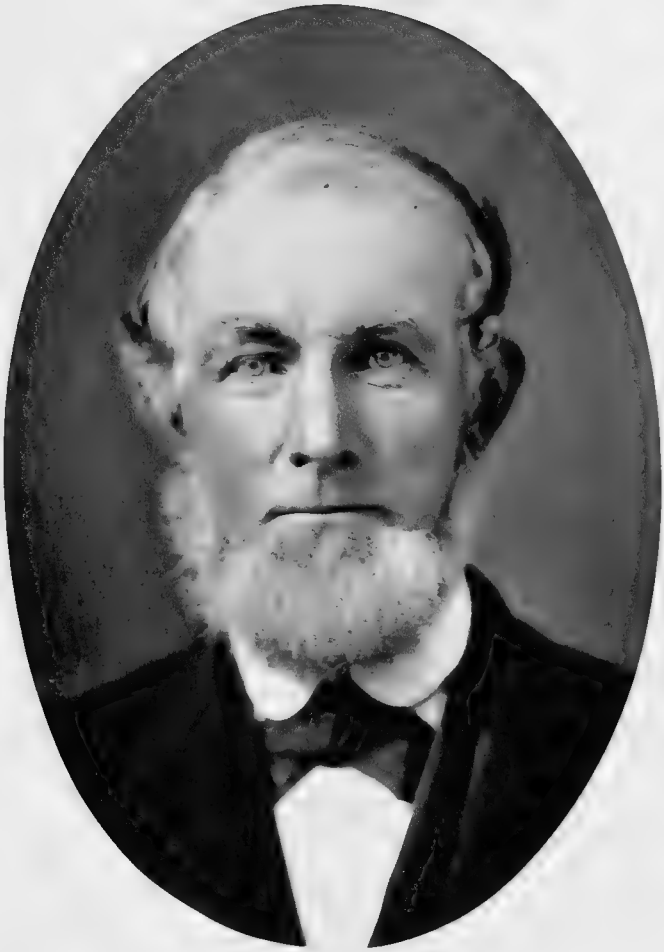
7. John, b. Aug. 6, 1766.

8. William, b. Aug. 10, 1768.
9. Molly, b. June 10, 1770.
10. Rachel, b. May 27, 1772.
11. Dorcas, b. Feb. 23, 1774.

RIDEOUT FAMILIES.

1. BENJAMIN RIDEOUT, b. 1743; d. July 10, 1819. He bought of Benjamin Thompson lot No. 6, fourth range, which he cleared up, and which became his home for the rest of his life. The deed was dated May 16, 1763. His first wife, Dorothy, d. June 3, 1767, aged 22; his second wife, Sarah, d. Dec. 13, 1831, aged 83. Children:

2. John, b. May 27, 1767.
3. Sarah, b. April 5, 1770; m., Nov. 5, 1788, Abraham Cole.
4. David, b. Oct. 27, 1771; res. in Vt. He m., Jan. 30, 1798, Rhoda Holt.
5. Dorothy, b. Aug. 5, 1773; m., Jan. 24, 1793, Stephen Huse of Methuen, Mass.
6. Joshua, b. July 31, 1775; d. April 17, 1776.
7. Lucy, b. April 8, 1777; m., Nov. 1, 1796, Moses Averill.
8. Susanna, b. Aug. 5, 1779; m., June 21, 1803, John Currier.
9. Joshua (**14**), b. Aug. 10, 1781.
10. Polly, b. March 13, 1784; m., June 14, 1804, Aaron Wilkins. They res. in Wilton about twenty years after their marriage, and had one son and several daughters, but finally removed to Maine.
11. Joel Taylor, b. July 30, 1786.
12. Simeon, b. Aug. 18, 1788.
13. Jacob (**19**), b. July 27, 1789.
14. JOSHUA (**9**), b. Aug. 10, 1781; was a farmer and res. on the homestead. He was one of the early members of the Baptist church. He m. Sally Kendall. Children:
15. Sally, b. Dec. 24, 1806. She m., April 30, 1843, Sylvester Simonds, who was a tanner, and the last occupant of the Stockwell yard. He owned and lived for a few years on the farm now belonging to John B. Baldwin, but removed to Lunenburg, Mass.
16. Almira, b. July 7, 1808; d. Aug. 19, 1834. She m. Timothy B. Kimball.
17. Joshua (**21**), b. Sept. 1, 1813.
18. Charles, b. Jan. 21, 1826; d. Dec. 29, 1872. He m. and lived on the farm now owned by John B. Baldwin.
19. JACOB (**13**), b. July 27, 1789; res. in Milford; m. ——— Simonds. Child:
20. Jacob (**26**), b. April 23, 1815.
21. JOSHUA (**17**), b. Sept. 1, 1813; d. March 18, 1886. He owned the farm and built the house now occupied by the heirs of Jacob Rideout. Besides farming he carried on considerable business in lumbering. He served as selectman one year. He sold his farm, and removed to French village. He m., April 12, 1842, Emily Frye, who d. June 17, 1876, aged 55 yrs. Children:



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22. Emily E., b. Aug. 7, 1843; m. Samuel E. Spooner, a tin-worker, and res. in Clinton, Mass.

23. Lucy Jane, b. June 21, 1845; m. Eugene P. Johnson, and res. in Nashua.

24. Alvah J., b. July 21, 1851; m., Jan. 30, 1884, Elizabeth Willey, and res. in Waltham, Mass.

25. Frank P., b. Sept. 27, 1859; m., May 16, 1883, Ida L. Donahue; is a clerk, and res. in Nashua.

26. JACOB (**20**), b. April 23, 1815; d. Jan. 30, 1881. He res. in Mason some years, and a part of the time served as a selectman. He res. in Wilton at two different times, in all about twenty-five years. He m., April 12, 1841, Lydia Peabody. Children:

27. Anson J., b. Aug. 12, 1842; res. in Brookline. He m., July 1, 1872, Mary A. Bussell.

28. George A., b. Aug. 27, 1845; d. 1888. He was a farmer, res. on the homestead; unm. He served as selectman for three years.

29. Elwin A., b. July 27, 1847; d. Aug. 6, 1875.

30. Amos W., b. Sept. 7, 1859.

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1. WILLIAM E. RIDEOUT, b., Hollis, Dec. 21, 1829; d. Feb. 25, 1879. He was a descendant of a brother of Benjamin Rideout, who settled in Hollis. He came from Nashua to Wilton about 1865. He was a carpenter, and for several years was sexton and one of the police. He m., Jan. 1, 1856, Julia R. Jewett, who was b., Hollis, May 9, 1839.

RING FAMILY.

1. PHILANDER RING, b. Weld, Me. He came to Wilton about 1853, and res. at the West village, occupying the store, and engaged in making men's clothing. Much of the time since he came to Wilton he has been employed in wholesale peddling. He is the proprietor of various curative medical preparations. Some years since he removed his business to East Wilton into one of the tenements in the block that was destroyed by fire, Dec., 1885. He purchased the buildings formerly occupied by Messrs. Jones & Co., and occupies them as his stand of business. In March, 1886, he was elected one of the school board for three years. He m. Eleanor Houghton of Weld, Me. He m., 2d, Helen J. Holt. See Holt gen. (**203**). Children:

2. Mary Helen, b. Aug. 12, 1855.

3. Harry Philander (**9**), b. Nov. 17, 1857.

4. Myrtie Caroline, b. March 28, 1862.

5. Ann Elizabeth, b. Jan. 16, 1865.

6. Ellis Lyle, b. Jan. 6, 1867.

7. Florence Aurelia, b. July 11, 1870.

8. Gertrude Celistia, b. March 22, 1873.

9. HARRY PHILANDER (**3**), b. Nov. 17, 1857. He is in company with

his father in business. He m., Nov. 10, 1882, Frances M. Bowler. Children:

10. Robert G., b. July 18, 1883.

11. Helen M., b. Aug. 19, 1885.

ROCKWOOD FAMILY.

1. RICHARD ROCKET, or ROCKWOOD, d. 1660. He was from Weymouth or Dorchester, Dorsetshire, England, and became a settler in Dorchester, Mass., in 1636. He m. Agnes (Bicknell ?), who d., Braintree, 1643. He m., 2d, Ann ———.

2. NICHOLAS, son of preceding, b. as early as 1628; d. Jan. 26, 1680. He was one of the first settlers of Medfield, Mass., in 1660. He m. Jane (Adams ?), who d. Dec. 15, 1654. He m., 2d, July 16, 1656, Margaret Holbrook, who d. April 23, 1670. He m., 3d, Silence ———, who d. Nov., 1677. Of eight children the seventh was:

3. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 23, 1665; d., Wrentham, Mass., Sept. 24, 1721. He was a deacon. He m., 1698, Joanna Ellis, b. 1677. Of ten children the tenth was:

4. ELISHA, b. June 11, 1716; d., Groton, Mass., Dec. 5, 1788. He settled as a clothier in Groton. He m., Aug., 1738, Elizabeth Adams, who was b. 1719, and d. 1799. She was a distant relative of Robert Treat Paine, the signer of the Declaration of Independence. Of thirteen children four d. in Sept., 1753. We name three:

5. Elisha, eldest son, b. Nov., 1740; d. 1831. He removed to Chesterfield, was twice m. and had ten children.

6. Joseph (**8**), b. June 13, 1744.

7. Ebenezer (**10**), b. Aug. 13, 1746.

8. JOSEPH (**6**), b. June 13, 1744; d. June 9, 1816. He was a farmer in Groton; m. Sarah Richardson, and had eight children, of whom the eldest child was:

9. Joseph (**20**), b. Dec. 17, 1766.

10. EBENEZER (**7**), b., Groton, Aug. 13, 1746; d. Feb. 10, 1830. He grad., Harvard College, 1773; was a surgeon in the U. S. army. In 1779 he received and accepted an invitation, signed by nearly all the legal voters of the town, to settle in Wilton as a physician. He was given to hospitality, a man of wide influence, having the characteristics of the genuine Puritan stock from which he sprung. Eminent in his profession, he had an extensive practice, and in addition to that was largely engaged in farming. He built the house and owned the farm lately occupied by Isaac K. Davis, also lot No. 14, third range, and that part of lot No. 14, second range, lying southwest of Rocky River. It was owing more to his influence than to that of any other resident of Wilton that the Second Cong. Ch. was organized. He m., June 10, 1779, Mary, dau. of Rev. Daniel Emerson of Hollis, who d. March 9, 1849. Children:

11. William Emerson (**31**), b. March 22, 1780.

12. Ebenezer (**34**), b. June 2, 1781.

13. Betsey, b. Dec. 9, 1782; m., Nov. 4, 1812, Timothy Abbot. See Abbot gen.

14. Polly, b. Aug. 6, 1784; d., Hollis, May 16, 1874; unm.

15. Lubim (**39**), b. April 6, 1786.

16. Daniel, b. Oct. 15, 1787; d. Jan. 31, 1821. He grad. at Dartmouth College, 1811, studied law, settled in Boston, was an early partner of Chief Justice Lemuel Shaw. He d. in Cuba, where he had gone in hopes of recovering his health.

17. Hannah, b. Feb. 19, 1790; d. Nov. 7, 1808.

18. Sally, b. Jan. 18, 1792; d., Hollis, Aug. 12, 1884. She m., Oct. 1, 1833, Rev. Leonard Jewett of Temple. They subsequently removed to Hollis.

19. Matilda, b. Nov. 30, 1793; d. April 21, 1823.

20. Joseph (**9**), b. Dec. 17, 1766; d. Jan. 24, 1830. He res. successively in Groton, Wilton, Ashby, Townsend and Brookline. In Wilton he lived, from about 1810 to 1821, on lot No. 3, third range. He m. Lucy Fletcher, who was b. Feb. 12, 1771, and d. Oct. 2, 1806. He m., 2d, April 14, 1808, Elizabeth Brooks, who res. after the death of her husband with her dau., Mrs. M. Holt, and d. Aug. 24, 1871. Children:

21. Sally, b. April 9, 1790; d. May 10, in infancy.

22. Luther, b. April 3, 1791; a farmer in Brookline.

23. Elisha, b. Dec. 3, 1793.

24. George, b. Dec. 13, 1797.

25. Sally, b. Aug. 24, 1800; m. Tyler Town of Milford. Both d. many years ago. They had six children.

26. Lucy, b. Aug. 22, 1802; d. 1826. She m. William Richardson of Townsend, who d. 1825. They had one daughter.

27. Mary, b. Dec. 4, 1805; m., May 20, 1826, Stephen Burnham. See Burnham gen. (**18**).

28. Elizabeth, b. May 25, 1815; m., Sept. 29, 1836, Mark Holt. See Holt gen. (**253**).

29. Abigail Susan, b. Dec. 8, 1817; d. Sept. 2, 1839.

30. Emma, b. April 16, 1820; m. Jacob Cooper of Francestown.

31. William Emerson (**11**), b. March 22, 1780; d. April 16, 1873. He was a farmer and lived about twenty years on the farm now owned by Mrs. Blood, which he sold, and afterwards lived in Temple and Merrimack. He m., Oct. 22, 1812, Abigail Conant of Hollis. Children:

32. William J., b. April 1, 1815; res. in Brookline.

33. Elizabeth E., b. Jan. 9, 1819; res. in Brookline.

34. Ebenezer (**12**), b. June 2, 1781; d. May 8, 1815. He grad., Harvard College, 1802; studied law and settled in Boston in partnership with Hon. Samuel Hoar, whose son, Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, was named for him. He was highly respected in his profession, in which he rapidly acquired an extensive practice; a man of quick perceptions, of noble and generous impulses, and while he lived his intimate associates were of the highest circle of talent and refinement. He m., Sept. 9, 1807, Elizabeth Breeze Hazard, dau. of Hon. E. Hazard of Philadelphia. Children:

35. Abigail A., b. Sept. 19, 1808; res. in N. Y. city.

36. Ebenezer H., b. Aug. 1, 1810; grad., Yale College, 1832; studied medicine, and res. in Buffalo. He m. Juliet Bliss of West Springfield, by whom he has had four children.

37. William Erskine, b. June 24, 1812; d. in Cuba in 1839.

38. Charles Greene, b. July, 1814; a banker in Newark, N. J.

39. LUBIM (**15**), b. April 6, 1786; d. May 15, 1826. He was a farmer and settled on the homestead. He m., May 20, 1813, Lydia, dau. of Abraham and Betty (Dale) Burton, who m., 2d, Feb. 9, 1837, Elijah Chandler. See Burton gen. (**42**). Children:

40. Hannah, b. July 8, 1814; d. April 13, 1832.

41. Lubim Burton (**45**), b. Aug. 8, 1816.

42. Lydia Henrietta, b. May 24, 1819; d. June 22, 1840.

43. Mary Emerson, b. May 14, 1821; m., Dec. 5, 1839, Col. John P. Clark of New Ipswich.

44. Betsey Dale, b. April 19, 1825; m., Aug. 28, 1845, Charles S. Davis of Hancock.

45. LUBIM BURTON (**41**), b. Aug. 8, 1816; d. May 7, 1872. See a sketch of his life, page 291. He m., May 1, 1845, Abby Ann, dau. of Dea. Ezra Abbot. See Abbot gen. She res. in Roxbury, Mass. Children:

46. Arthur Burton, b. Nov. 20, 1846; d. Oct. 4, 1847.

47. Edward Nelson, b. Oct. 9, 1848; d. Feb. 14, 1849.

48. Sarah Hale, b. Dec. 9, 1849; m., Sept. 7, 1871, Charles A. Plumer, and res. in Roxbury.

49. Fanny Larcom, b. Aug. 23, 1851; m., Dec. 2, 1874, James C. Miller, and res. in Philadelphia.

50. William Emerson, b. Nov. 5, 1854; a student in Boston, Andover, Meriden, and, for a short time, in Dartmouth College, but follows a business life. He m., Sept. 19, 1883, Persis A. Lovejoy, dau. of Henry Lovejoy of Brooklyn, N. Y., where they now reside.

51. Annie Burton, b. Sept. 6, 1856; m., Oct. 18, 1879, Clarence Hazelwood, who was killed in the Bradford railroad accident in 1888.

52. Elizabeth Davis, b. Sept. 28, 1858; deceased.

53. Grace Burton, b. May 8, 1861; d. Nov. 20, 1861.

54. Henrietta, b. April 25, 1863.

RUSSELL FAMILY.

1. THOMAS RUSSELL, b. Andover, Mass. He bought of Jonathan Greele lot No. 8, seventh range, and about two and a half acres of the northeast part of lot No. 7, same range. The deed is dated Sept. 29, 1769, and the consideration was £106 13s. 4d. The farm is now occupied by David W. Russell, his great-grandson. He m. Bethia Holt. Children:

2. Bethia, b. April 20, 1761; d. April 25, 1761.

3. Bethia, b. Jan. 7, 1763; m., April 18, 1782, Daniel Simonds of Amherst.

4. Thomas (**13**), b. June 5, 1765.

5. Hannah, b. Sept. 23, 1767; d. Nov., 1850. She m., Aug. 23, 1787, James Houghton of Dublin. They removed to Weld, Me.

6. Daniel (**19**), b. Nov. 7, 1769.

7. Phebe, b. Sept. 13, 1772; m.; d. Sept. 13, 1852.

8. Polly, b. June 4, 1775; d. June 4, 1864; m., Dec. 20, 1804, Thomas Eaton.

9. Abel, b. Aug. 5, 1778; d. June 10, 1859. He m. Nancy Clement of Petersham, Mass., and settled in Weld, Me.

10. Joseph, b. May 1, 1780; d. June 28, 1858. He m. Hannah Dascomb. He m., 2d, Jan. 8, 1809, Sarah, dau. of Simeon and Mary (Dale) Holt, of Wilton, who d. March 13, 1857. See Holt gen. (**157**).

11. Ephraim, b. July 16, 1783; d. Dec. 3, 1875, aged 92 yrs. He m., April 6, 1807, Rebecca Ireland of Weld, Me., and res. in that place.

12. Asenath, b. May 31, 1786; unm.

All the above family, except one that d. in infancy, lived to a very advanced age.

13. THOMAS (**4**), b. June 5, 1765; d. July 9, 1863, aged 98. He m. Lydia, dau. of Jacob and Lydia (Stevens) Abbot, and removed to Weld, Me. Children:

14. Thomas, b. Aug. 7, 1791; d. Aug. 26, 1791.

15. Thomas, b. Sept. 3, 1792.

16. Hannah Abbot, b. May 3, 1794.

17. Lydia, b. Feb. 27, 1797.

The above children were b. in Wilton; several others were born in Weld, one of whom res. several years in Wilton, namely:

18. Fisk (**31**), b., Weld, Me., Nov. 12, 1810.

19. DANIEL (**6**), b. Nov. 7, 1769; d. Jan. 3, 1841. He res. on the homestead in Wilton. He m., Nov. 25, 1794, Elizabeth Dascomb, who d. Oct. 18, 1852. See Dascomb gen. (**8**). Children:

20. Daniel, b. May 12, 1795. He taught for several years, and for a few years was in trade. He held the office of Register of Deeds two years. He was several years town clerk of Milford, where he resided. He m. a Miss Ramsdell of Milford.

21. Betsey, b. March 4, 1797; m., Feb. 23, 1819, Asaph Sawyer. See Sawyer gen. (**9**).

22. James, b. Dec. 5, 1798; d., Boston, April 24, 1826. He learned the carpenter's trade, and spent about three years in Georgia, partly in teaching and partly at his trade.

23. Hannah, b. Aug. 11, 1800; m., July 27, 1823, Eliphalet Putnam. See Putnam gen. (**130**).

24. John Farrington (**36**), b. Dec. 16, 1802.

25. Theron, b. Sept. 4, 1804; d. Feb. 26, 1806.

26. Mary, b. Feb. 15, 1807; m., Sept. 29, 1829, Abram Putnam. See Putnam gen. (**233**).

27. Theron (**41**), b. June 20, 1809.

28. Harriet, b. May 20, 1811; m., Sept. 29, 1829, Luther Dascomb. See Dascomb gen. (**45**).

29. Emily Adeline, b. March 10, 1814; m., June 4, 1834, Joseph Dascomb. See Dascomb gen. (**52**).

30. Sarah D., b. Jan. 25, 1816; m., March 19, 1835, William Sheldon. See Sheldon gen. (**48**).

31. FISK (**18**), b., Weld, Me., Nov. 12, 1810. He for several years occupied the mill at Barnes's Fall, but for a long time has been in business in Boston. He m., March 26, 1837, Elizabeth M., dau. of Daniel Batchelder. See Batchelder gen. (**24**). Children:

32. Eleanor Elizabeth, b. Jan. 22, 1838.

33. Emily Almeda, b. Sept. 15, 1839.

34. Abba Clementina, b. March 4, 1841.

35. Arthur Willis, b. May 30, 1842.

36. JOHN FARRINGTON (**24**), b. Dec. 16, 1802. He was a farmer, and res. on the farm formerly owned by his wife's father, Zebadiah Abbot, and now owned by Hon. John A. Spalding. He was one of the first five male members of the Second Cong. Ch. He m., July 3, 1831, Mary Abbot. See Abbot gen. Children:

37. Lucia Abbot, b. June 18, 1832; m., March 23, 1868, Jeremiah Hurd, who d. Jan. 30, 1879, aged 79 yrs.

38. George Hale, b. Nov. 5, 1833; d. Jan. 3, 1883. Soon after he came of age, he went to Missouri, where he remained until about 1880, when he removed to Silver Cliff, Col., where he d., leaving a widow and a son about fourteen years of age.

39. James F., b. Dec. 30, 1838. He was for several years a clerk in a store in New Ipswich, but has for a long time been keeping a successful grocery in Washington, D. C. He m. Mary Ann Raddin.

40. Charles H., b. March 10, 1840; d. Jan. 2, 1871. He enlisted and was enrolled in Co. D, Fourth Regt., N. H. V., and was discharged at Lovell General Hospital, Portsmouth Grove, R. I., on a surgeon's certificate of disability. He m., Nov. 4, 1869, Helen I. Bales. See Bales gen. (**32**).

41. THERON (**27**), b. June 20, 1809. He res. on the homestead of his father. He was a farmer and managed his affairs prudently. He served two years as selectman. He m., Sept. 4, 1834, Elizabeth Wilson, dau. of Capt. David Wilson. See Wilson gen. Children:

42. David Wilson (**45**), b. Nov. 8, 1835.

43. Emily A., b. Dec. 20, 1840; m., April 9, 1865, Charles Hesselton. See Hesselton gen. (**34**).

44. Mary Elizabeth (**52**), b. Dec. 26, 1844.

45. DAVID WILSON (**42**), b. Nov. 8, 1835. He res. on the homestead of his father, and is a successful farmer. He m., May 31, 1860, Aurelia L. Ellenwood. Children:

46. Fannie Louise, b. Nov. 12, 1862.

47. Nellie Mitchell, b. May 8, 1867.

48. Lizzie Wilson, b. Dec. 17, 1868; d. Dec. 10, 1870.

49. George Lincoln, b. Sept. 1, 1870.

50. Arthur Howard, b. March 19, 1873.

51. Helen Isabelle, b. April 22, 1877.

52. MARY ELIZABETH (**44**), b. Dec. 26, 1844; m., July 3, 1883, Ansel French, and lives at French village. See French gen. (**39**). Child:

53. Mabel (French), b. May 31, 1886.

SARGENT FAMILY.

1. HENRY O. SARGENT came from Manchester to Wilton in 1860. He enlisted in the army from Wilton, Aug. 19, 1862, and helped to fill the quota required of the town in the call for troops that year and received the bounty. By mistake he was credited to Manchester, and, after the war, was notified that a bounty awaited him there, which he declined to claim. In 1866 he bought the mill of Lewis Howard, and has since carried it on. He was for several years postmaster at West Wilton. He m., April 9, 1860, Sophia T. Heath.

SAWYER FAMILY.

1. NATHANIEL SAWYER, b., Dracut, Mass., July 10, 1750; d., Wilton, Oct. 16, 1807. He came to Wilton and lived where Henry Gray now res., and traded in a building still standing. He is supposed to be the second storekeeper in town, Jacob Abbot being the first. He m., Oct. 13, 1778, Prudence, dau. of David and Prudence (Sheldon) Abbot, who was b., Andover, Mass., Oct. 3, 1757, and d., Salina, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1839. Children:

2. Fanny, b. July 5, 1779; m., March 10, 1800, Silas Buss. See Silas Buss gen. (**6**).

3. Hannah, b., Wilton, Dec. 5, 1780; m., May 11, 1803, Leonard Barker. See Leonard Barker gen. (**1**).

4. Sally, b. Nov. 25, 1782; d. June 10, 1863; m., June 7, 1808, Timothy A. Holt, and removed to Marion, Me.

5. Nathaniel, b. Nov. 25, 1784; d. June 20, 1875. He m., April 2, 1818, Jane C. Waterhouse of East Machias, Me.

6. Olive, b. Feb. 14, 1787: m., May 12, 1808, Joseph Parker. See Hananiah Parker gen. (**5**).

7. Asaph, b. May 11, 1789; d. Feb. 6, 1790.

8. Anna, b. Jan. 17, 1791; d. May 30, 1809.

9. Asaph, b. July 15, 1793; d., Cooper, Me., Aug. 1, 1875. He was engaged in brick-making for about twenty years in Castleton, Vt., and in Cohoes, N. Y., where his first wife died. He spent a few years in California. He m., Feb. 23, 1819, Betsey Russell. See Russell gen. (**21**). He m., 2d, Alice C. Allan of Cooper, Me. His wife and three children survived him.

10. Amos, b. Oct. 26, 1795; d. Oct. 20, 1799.

11. Achsah, b. Sept. 15, 1800; d., Marion, Me., May 28, 1886. She was a person of more than medium ability, and much respected wherever she was known. See pp. 61–66. She m., Oct. 12, 1825, John C. Allan of Whiting, Me. One son and two daughters survived her. Her husband d., Dennysville, Me., Dec. 27, 1867.

SEARLE FAMILY.

1. JAMES SEARLE, b. Oct. 23, 1830. He came to Wilton in 1844, and worked for many years at shoe-making for Messrs. Jones & Co. He lives

on the farm on which Maj. Samuel Lovejoy was the first settler. He m. Harriet E. ———. Children:

2. Mary F., b. March 23, 1846.

3. Nellie, b. Sept. 8, 1849.

4. Ada E., b. March 7, 1856; d. Dec. 5, 1878.

5. J. Fred, b. May 5, 1864.

SHATTUCK FAMILY.

1. ABRAHAM SHATTUCK came to Wilton from Pepperell, Mass., in 1796 or 1797. Children by his wife, Polly:

2. Abraham, b., Pepperell, Oct. 29, 1791. In 1818 he res. in Dublin, and held the office of ensign of militia.

3. Asher, b., Pepperell, Aug. 9, 1793.

4. Abner, b., Pepperell, Jan. 18, 1796. He m. Lydia A., dau. of Daniel and Rebecca Batchelder.

5. Ammi, b., Wilton, Dec. 3, 1797.

6. Polly, b., Wilton, Jan. 20, 1800.

SHELDON FAMILY.

1. SAMUEL SHELDON d. Dec. 24, 1832, aged 92 yrs. He came from Reading, Mass., and, about 1770, he bought of William Pierce a part of lots numbered 11, in the fourth and fifth ranges. For several years he kept a tavern. He was one of the committee to take charge of, and distribute, the stock of salt and molasses purchased by the town in 1775. He was very decided and tenacious in his opinions, one of which would hardly stand the test at the present day. It is said that the mention of no subject would provoke him so quickly as to assert that the earth was round! In regard to fashion and all other matters that did not coincide with his own views he was very outspoken. A young man of Wilton had gone out as a preacher, and on returning to his native place expressed his willingness to occupy the pulpit. He was told that if Mr. Samuel Sheldon made no objection, probably nobody else would. When he laid the matter before Mr. Sheldon, and asked him if he had any objection, his reply was: "I have; you used to be a wild boy, and I haven't learned that you have reformed." He m. Sarah Wellman, who d. Jan. 7, 1826, aged 80. They had eight children, but we have not been able to ascertain all the dates. Children:

2. Jacob, m. and res. in Andover, or Weston, Vt.

3. Samuel (**10**), b. 1767.

4. Sally, b. 1768; d. Sept. 24, 1833. She m., Sept. 18, 1794, Lieut. John Stiles. See Stiles gen. She m., 2d, Feb. 3, 1827, Pyam Herrick. See Herrick gen. (**68**).

5. William, m. and res. in Andover, Vt.

6. Micah, res. in Vt.

7. Uzziel; he was a farmer and res. in Andover, Vt., where he d. at an advanced age. He m., Nov. 15, 1804, Eleanor Gray. See Gray gen. (**17**).

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8. Ziba, m., Aug. 15, 1802, Philip Putnam. See Putnam gen. (**140**).

9. Tamar, b. 1782; m., Nov. 1, 1804, Burleigh French. See French gen. (**5**).

10. SAMUEL (**3**), b. 1767; d. May 21, 1847. He was a farmer and res. on the homestead. He m., May 30, 1793, Phebe Keyes, who d. Nov. 21, 1821, aged 50. See Keyes gen. (**17**). Children:

11. Samuel (**22**), b. March 16, 1794.

12. Phebe, b. April 15, 1796; unm.; d. Dec. 15. 1872.

13. Simon, b. Dec. 12, 1797; d. Nov. 7, 1870.

14. Uzziel (**26**), b. Dec. 21, 1799.

15. Ezra (**31**), b. Aug. 29, 1802.

16. Sarah, b. July 19, 1804; res. at Lebanon. She m. Larkin Herrick. See Herrick gen. (**67**).

17. Lucy (**40**), b. Aug. 5, 1806.

18. Mary, b. April 17, 1808; m. William Wetherbee, who has been engaged in manufacturing for several years, has held the offices of Register of Deeds and Register of Probate for a long time, and was appointed county commissioner to fill out the term of Ephraim Weston, deceased.

19. William (**49**), b. May 9, 1810.

20. John, d. Nov. 14, 1821, aged 10.

21. Abiel W. (**53**), b. April 9, 1817.

22. SAMUEL (**11**), b. March 16, 1794; d. April 20, 1873. He had the trades of mason and shoemaker. In the spring of 1830 he bought the farm on which John and Abraham Burton had settled seventy years before, and made it his home the rest of his life. He was an industrious man, a good neighbor and townsman. The greed of office was not developed in him, although he was twice elected selectman. He m., Dec. 25, 1817, Betsey, dau. of Eliphalet Simonds of Milford; she was b. June 19, 1793, and d. July 6, 1856. He m., 2d, Eleanor Sheldon of Andover, Vt. Children:

23. Betsey Ann, b. July 21, 1822; m. Sumner Hesselton.

24. John, b. July 12, 1825; d. young.

25. James (**58**), b. July 12, 1825.

26. UZZIEL (**14**), b. Dec. 21, 1799. He was a mason and shoemaker, and worked at those trades and at farming, until about 1854; after that time he worked for several years at the factory, sorting wool. He m., July 17, 1823, Eliza, dau. of Ebenezer and Jane Barrett. See Ebenezer Barrett gen. (**6**). Children:

27. John R. (**62**), b. Nov. 2, 1823.

28. Charles B. (**64**), b. Nov. 18, 1825.

29. Nancy B., b. June 29, 1833; m., Dec. 26, 1858, Dr. Frank M. Pevey, a dentist, and res. in Wilton. See Pevey gen. (**20**).

30. Eliza Jane, b. Nov. 19, 1834; d. unm.

31. EZRA (**15**), b. Aug. 29, 1802; d., Lowell, Aug. 9, 1849. After he came of age, he was for most of his life in company with Hon. William Livingston of Lowell, as canal and railroad contractors, in which business

they were successful. He m., June 1, 1831, Nancy M. Raddin. Children:

32. Amelia F., b. Lowell, Mass., March 6, 1832; d. Aug. 31, 1860. She m., Nov. 29, 1850, J. V. Sheldon of Pittsford, Vt.

33. Josephine, b., Wilton, June 10, 1833.

34. George, b., Wilton, Aug. 4, 1835.

35. Gertrude, b., Lowell, June 1, 1838.

36. Louisa, b., Wilton, Aug. 12, 1840; d. July 5, 1841.

37. Frederic, b., Lowell, April 7, 1842; d. July 6, 1842.

38. Marietta, b., Lowell, Jan. 31, 1845; d. April 30, 1846.

39. Ida, b., Lowell, Jan. 2, 1849; d. Aug. 25, 1882.

40. LUCY (**17**), b. Aug. 5, 1806. She m., March 15, 1827, Joseph B. Howard, who d., Claremont, March 13, 1871, aged 73. Children:

41. George Wheeler (Howard), deceased.

42. Caroline (Howard), deceased.

43. Charles William (Howard), deceased.

44. Augustus Warren (Howard), deceased.

45. Lucy (Howard), b. Dec. 4, 1835; m. Walter J. Batchelder, and res. in Hampton Falls.

46. Carrie Elizabeth (Howard), b. Aug. 18, 1838; unm.

47. Maria (Howard), b. Nov. 22, 1841; m. Daniel Couch, and res. in Woodward, Ia.

48. Adeline Batchelder (Howard), b. Sept. 16, 1844; m. John Miller, and res. in Thompsonville, Conn.

49. WILLIAM (**19**), b. May 9, 1810. He res. in Nashua for a few years, and then removed to West Wilton, and was long engaged in getting out stock for bobbins. His shop was burned twice, and after that he turned to farming. He was for many years deacon of the Second Cong. Ch. He m., May 19, 1835, Sarah D. Russell, who d. Aug. 6, 1843, aged 27. See Russell gen. (**30**). He m., 2d, April 27, 1847, Mrs. Dorcas Pratt, who d. March 19, 1881, aged 80. Children:

50. Mary, b. March 13, 1837; deceased. She m., March, 1865, Charles Gutterson, and lived in Milford.

51. George Henry, deceased.

52. Arthur William, b. March 4, 1843; unm. He works in the bobbin factory in Nashua.

53. ABIEL W. (**21**), b. April 9, 1817; res. in Lowell. He was, for about twenty years, an overseer in the Lawrence and Suffolk corporations. For about fifteen years he was in trade in the grocery and provision business. He m., Nov. 18, 1841, Louisa, dau. of Dea. David Folsom of Tamworth. She was b. April 13, 1817. Children:

54. Mary Louisa, b. May 15, 1843; res. in Lowell; m., July 17, 1869, Edward S. Wheeler. They have one child.

55. Edward Everett, b. Feb. 2, 1846; d. Oct. 25, 1846.

56. William Wetherbee, b. Feb. 2, 1846; d. April 16, 1868.

57. Hattie Florence, b. Sept. 24, 1855; d. April 7, 1857.

58. JAMES (**25**), b. July 12, 1825. He res. on the homestead and is principally engaged in raising milk for D. Whiting & Sons. He m.,

Dec. 22, 1847, Nancy Morse, who was b., Chester, May 25, 1827. Children:

59. John Albert (**66**), b. Dec. 11, 1848.

60. Samuel James, b. Oct. 16, 1850. He is a farmer and res. with his father. He m., Dec. 27, 1881, Clarissa Ann, dau. of Eli C. Curtis of Lyndeborough. She d. May 19, 1884.

61. Hattie Fanny, b. Jan. 24, 1861.

62. JOHN R. (**27**), b. Nov. 2, 1823. He is a stone and brick mason. He m., Aug. 5, 1849, Caroline Crockett, who was b. Nov. 24, 1824, at Dover, Piscataquis Co., Me. Child:

63. Carrie E., b. Nov. 12, 1858; m., Jan. 23, 1883, Artemas O. Barker. See David Barker gen. (**9**).

64. CHARLES B. (**28**), b. Nov. 18, 1825. He res. in Everett, Mass. He is by trade a mason, but for several years he has owned a milk route. He m., Jan. 1, 1851, Malvina Chandler, who was b. in New Hampton. Child:

65. Frank C., b. April, 1852. Res. in Everett, and owns a milk route. He m. Anna Davis.

66. JOHN ALBERT (**59**), b. Dec. 11, 1848. He res. at East Wilton, where his business is job teaming. He m., Dec. 27, 1877, Alice Sarah Gray, dau. of Lorenzo and Sarah G. (Payson) Gray. See Gray gen. (**107**). Children:

67. Gracia Alice, b. Aug. 20, 1878.

68. William Albert, b. Jan. 20, 1882.

69. Fannie Belle, b. Sept. 17, 1885.

70. Charles Eddie, b. Sept. 17, 1887.

It will be seen that within forty-six years there have been six generations of the Sheldon family resident in Wilton.

SMITH FAMILY.

1. URIAH SMITH, b. 1744–45; d. March 4, 1829. He purchased of his brother-in-law, Simon Keyes, about twenty acres of the east part of lot No. 12, seventh range, on which he started the first tannery in Wilton. The vats were on the south side of the brook. He sold the place, July 23, 1778, to Asa Chandler, who owned it a few years. Since that time it has been held successively by George Abbot, Benjamin Barrett, William Parker, Asa Jones, Asa Pollard, Marden & Mills, and Benjamin T. Foster. At Mr. Foster's death the tannery was discontinued. Mr. Smith bought lot No. 11, eighth range, on which he res. the rest of his life. He built a grist mill near the site of Samuel W. Smith's knob shop. In 1787 a clothing mill was fitted up at the same place, and was occupied until both mills were burned in the latter part of 1791, or the early part of 1792. Mr. Smith then built a grist mill at the foot of the falls, near where James W. Holt's shop now stands, and it was occupied until about 1818. For many years Mr. Smith tanned what was called wash-leather, and had it manufactured into gloves. He m. Lydia, dau. of John and Abigail (Livermore) Keyes, who was b. May 6, 1749, and d. Aug. 2, 1801. See Keyes

gen. (**7**). He m., 2d, Feb. 7, 1804, Mrs. Susanna (Cram) Bridges, who d. Oct. 28, 1837, aged 68 yrs. Children:

2. Lewis (**12**), b. March 9, 1773.

3. Lydia, b. Nov. 28, 1774; m., Jan. 28, 1795, Jeremiah Bridge of Shutesbury, Mass.

4. Uriah, b. Dec. 10, 1777. He was for many years a successful merchant at Francestown, and left an ample estate. His death was very sudden, but he left his affairs so well arranged that the executor of his will had nothing to collect, and nothing to pay out except the funeral charges. His bill for his services as executor was only ten dollars, and what he paid for advertising. But the judge of probate told him that ten dollars looked too little for settling so large an estate, and allowed him forty. Mr. Smith m., Nov. 17, 1803, Olive Burton. See Burton gen. (**25**). They had one dau., who m. ——— Cochran.

5. Eber, b. Nov. 18, 1778; d. young.

6. Molly, b. July 10, 1780; d. unm.

7. Susanna, b. May 14, 1782; d. young.

8. Samuel (**25**), b. May 13, 1787.

9. Joseph (**30**), b. Oct. 17, 1788.

10. Betsey, b. Jan. 9, 1791; m., Jan. 31, 1813, Joseph Holt. See Holt gen. (**198**).

11. Otis (**39**), b. Nov. 2, 1807.

12. Lewis (**2**), b. March 9, 1773; d. 1837. A farmer, and owned the farm now belonging to Mrs. C. C. May. He was for several years a selectman, and a justice of the peace. At the organization of the Baptist Ch. he was its clerk. He was a man universally respected. About 1834 he sold his farm and removed to Worcester, Mass., where he d. He m. Abigail, dau. of Hananiah Parker. She d., Jonesville, Mich., aged 68 yrs. See Parker gen. (**2**). Children:

13. Lewis, b. Sept. 10, 1797; d., Jersey City, N. J., Feb., 1862. He left Wilton soon after coming of age. He was m. In religious matters he entertained liberal opinions.

14. Abigail Sophronia, b. March 28, 1799; d., Jonesville, Mich., 1856; unm.

15. Hervey, b. April 6, 1801; d., Ovid Centre, Mich., aged 71 yrs. He left town soon after he came of age. He joined the Baptist Ch. soon after its organization, and was for many years deacon of the Baptist Ch. where he lived.

16. Benjamin Franklin, b. Feb. 23, 1804; early learned the blacksmith's trade, settled in Worcester as a machinist, and while there was deacon of the Unitarian Ch. He now res. in Kalamazoo, Mich.

17. Roxana, b. May 2, 1806; d., Ypsilanti, Mich., aged 74 yrs. She m. ——— George.

18. Alonzo, b. May 23, 1808. Soon after manufacturing was started in Manchester, he removed there, and became an extensive lumber dealer. He was one year mayor of the city, and was a deacon of the Universalist Ch. He m. and had children.

19. Sanford Ruggles, b. Aug. 3, 1810; d., Detroit, Mich., aged 64 yrs

20. Elvira, b. June 5, 1812; d., Jonesville, Mich, aged 33 yrs. She m. ——— Harris.

21. Stephen Warren, b. Sept. 5, 1814; d., Chicago, Ill., aged 68 yrs.

22. Albert Gallatin, b. Nov. 26, 1816; res. in Manchester.

23. Olivia Ann, b. Jan. 21, 1819; res. in Kalamazoo, Mich.; m. ——— Gardner.

24. Leander, b. May 5, 1821; res. at Manitou Springs, Col.

It is seldom that in a family of twelve children all live to be over thirty-three years of age, as did those named above.

25. SAMUEL (8), b. May 13, 1787; d. Dec. 1, 1852. He early began working on jobs of building highways, and soon became an enterprising contractor, and continued the business for many years. Previous to 1824 he built the mills which gave business enterprise to West Wilton. He erected the house and stables which were occupied as a hotel until the railroad took the travel from this stage route. Mr. Smith was a man of much sound common sense, firm, and of equable disposition, and it is not believed that any of his many employees was ever treated in any other way than was just and right. He m., 1823, Rebecca Spalding of Belgrade, Me., who d. Feb. 8, 1875, aged 80 yrs. She was a woman of more than ordinary talents. In her religious views she was strongly of the Second Advent faith. In 1871 she published a small volume of poems, with a sketch of the life and experience of her daughter, Anne R. Smith, in which were a few poems by her daughter and her youngest son. She says in the preface: "This volume lays no claim to literary merit, but professes to be only a description in rhyme of some of the ordinary experiences of life and the common feelings of the heart." Children:

26. John Spalding, b. Nov., 1826; res. at West Wilton.

27. Annie Rebecca, b. March 16, 1828; d. July 26, 1855. At the age of sixteen she began teaching and taught seven terms in district schools, meanwhile attending a term each at the Milford, Hancock and New Ipswich Academies, and six terms at the Ladies' Female Seminary, Charlestown, Mass. She was a contributor to "The Ladies' Wreath and Advent Review," and other publications. See sketch of her life by her mother in the volume before mentioned.

28. Samuel Wood (**48**), b. June 13, 1830.

29. Uriah (**51**), b. May 2, 1832.

30. JOSEPH (**9**), b. Oct. 17, 1788; d. March 16, 1883. For a notice of his life see pp. 135 and 271. He was one of the early members of the Baptist Church, and was for many years its deacon. His business was stone-work, hewing timber, framing buildings, and road-making. When past seventy-five few could do a better day's work than he. He became totally blind the last years of his life. He m., Oct. 11, 1812, Lucy Adams, b., Mason, July 9, 1792. Children:

31. J. Nelson, b. Dec. 24, 1813; d. Feb. 14, 1815.

32. Allen (**57**), b. June 17, 1815.

33. Lucy A., b. Nov. 7, 1816; d. 1832.

34. George P., b. Jan. 16, 1819; m. Susan M. Greele.

35. Orlando A., b. Aug. 7, 1823; m., Sept. 22, 1856, Eliza M. Goodrich.

36. Eunice A., b. May 5, 1828; d. May 1, 1833.

37. Elizabeth L., b. May 5, 1834; d. Feb. 19, 1863. She m. Horace W. Robinson.

38. Aaron A., b. June 2, 1843; d., Thibodeaux, La., Dec. 20, 1862. He enlisted in the Eighth Regt., N. H. V., and went with it to Louisiana, where he d.

39. OTIS (**11**), b. Nov. 2, 1807; his business has been road-making and stone-work. He has res. many years in Antrim, and has long been obliged to use crutches. He m. Roxana Breed, b. Nov. 29, 1807. Children:

40. Susan, b. Aug. 5, 1828; res. in Fitchburg, Mass. She m., Feb. 1, 1848, Cyrus Tenney, who d. Nov. 1, 1870.

41. Sarah, b. Aug. 29, 1830; m., and res. in Somerville, Mass.

42. George, b. June 20, 1832.

43. Elvira, b. March 16, 1835.

44. Mary, b. April 9, 1837; d. in infancy.

45. Elizabeth, b. July 19, 1839; d. in infancy.

46. Albert, d. young.

47. William, b. Sept. 5, 1849; res. in Cambridgeport, Mass.

48. SAMUEL WOOD (**28**), b. June 13, 1830. He res. at West Wilton, and has been engaged many years in manufacturing knobs. He m., May 5, 1864, Frances C. Jones. Children:

49. Frederic G., b. Dec. 12, 1867.

50. S. Archie, b. Nov. 27, 1870.

51. URIAH (**29**), b. May 2, 1832; for a sketch of his life by himself, see page 272. He is one of the most prominent leaders in the United States of the Seventh Day, Sabbath movement, and is both an eloquent preacher and an extensive author and publisher at Battle Creek, Mich. He m., June 7, 1851, Harriet Newell Stevens, of South Paris, Me., then an assistant in his office. Children:

52. Uriah Wilton, b. Sept. 3, 1861.

53. Leon Alberti, b. April 21, 1863.

54. Annie Arabelle, b. March 15, 1868.

55. Samuel Parker, b. Jan. 16, 1872.

56. Charles Stevens, b. Nov. 16, 1875.

57. ALLEN (**32**), b. June 17, 1815; d. Sept. 25, 1881. He res. on the homestead. He was honest, industrious, and a good townsman. He m., Oct. 4, 1848, Elizabeth Houghton of Weld, Me., who d. Oct. 23, 1858. He m., 2d, May 13, 1860, Abby A. Holt. See Holt gen. (**213**). Children:

58. Arabelle Elizabeth, b. Oct., 1849; d. Sept. 23, 1872.

59. Emily Hannah, b. March 9, 1852; d. April 20, 1876; m., Jan. 1, 1873, J. A. R. Wyman. They had one child, that d., May 16, 1876, in infancy.

60. Roselvo Allen, b. Jan. 30, 1854. He res. on lot No. 11, eighth range, which his great-grandfather purchased in Feb., 1772, and which has passed down to him; four generations have owned it in succession. He is unm., and is a trustworthy and industrious citizen.

61. Alphonso Leroy, b. July 2, 1856; d. Dec. 6, 1858.

SNOW FAMILY.

1. JOSEPH SNOW was a res. of Wilton soon after it was incorporated. He was chosen to some of the minor offices in the town. On the pay roll of Capt. J. Ford's co., Col. Nichols's regt., Gen. Stark's brigade, raised July 20, 1777, discharged Sept. 19, 1777, his name is found. Some time after the war he removed with his family to Conway, Mass. The name of his wife was Joanna. Children:

2. Sarah, b. Sept. 21, 1768.
3. Joanna, b. Jan. 10, 1773.
4. Jacob, b. Jan. 9, 1775.
5. Patty, b. March 23, 1777.
6. David, b. March 29, 1779.
7. Joseph, b. May 1, 1781.

SPALDING FAMILIES.

1. ISAAC SPALDING, b., Merrimack, Aug. 20, 1765; d. June 2, 1830. He was the son of Samuel Spalding, a prosperous and influential farmer, who removed from Chelmsford, Mass., to Merrimack. He was sent as an apprentice to Hollis to learn the tanner's trade of Mr. Farley, and afterwards entered into partnership with Jeremiah Prichard in New Ipswich. He removed to Wilton, March 18, 1800, where he res. the rest of his life. He was highly respected as a citizen and beloved by his friends. He d. suddenly of apoplexy. He m., April 9, 1795, Mary Ritter, who d. April 27, 1808. She was a woman of superior intellect, a great worker and skilful tailoress, and although she d. at an early age it was said of her that she virtually walled in the farm of her husband with her needle. He m., 2d, Nov. 2, 1809, Mrs. Mary (Flynn) Colburn of Milford. Children:

2. Isaac, b., New Ipswich, Feb. 1, 1796. He early left home, and became a merchant in Amherst and Nashua, and a wealthy banker and railroad director. See sketch of his life, page 284.

3. Moses (**11**), b., New Ipswich, March 10, 1797.

4. Charles (**16**), b., New Ipswich, Nov. 4, 1798.

5. Harvey, b., Wilton, Oct. 8, 1800; d. unm.

6. Mary, b. June 24, 1801; d., Milford, Aug. 20, 1848. She m., April 8, 1828, Prescott Kimball of North Chelmsford, Mass., and res. there.

7. A son, b. Dec. 28, 1803; d. young.

8. Lyman, b. Dec. 6, 1806; d. Oct. 5, 1854, unm.

9. Emma, b. July 12, 1813. She m., Oct. 5, 1830, David Whiting, of the firm of Whiting & Sons. She has five children, seventeen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

10. Orpah, b. July 5, 1816. She m., Feb. 24, 1839, John Mack, who d. Oct. 27, 1840. She m., 2d, Sept. 5, 1844, Sewall G. Mack, a brother of John Mack, and res. in Lowell, Mass. See Mack gen. (**23**).

11. MOSES (**3**), b. March 10, 1797. He went to Charlestown, Mass., to learn the tanner's trade, and settled on the homestead. He was a person of superior mind, and much respected as a townsman. He m., May

29, 1823, Anna Hunt Kimball, b., Temple, Aug. 4, 1800; d. May 16, 1864. She was a school teacher before marriage, and a woman noted for her many kindnesses to the poor and unfortunate. See Kimball gen. (**3**). Children:

12. Edward Henry (**23**), b. March 12, 1825.

13. Isaac Kimball, b. July 21, 1826; deceased.

14. William Ritter (**31**), b. April 8, 1828.

15. John Augustine (**38**), b. May 20, 1837.

16. CHARLES (**4**), b. Nov. 4, 1798. He was the first trader in East Wilton. He m., Dec. 25, 1827, Lydia Jones Burns of Milford, b. Jan. 13, 1806, and d. March 23, 1861. Children:

17. Harriet Burns, b. Feb. 18, 1829; m., Aug. 31, 1854, Corydon D. Keyes of Hancock, who d., 1863, in the Union army at Baton Rouge, La. She res. in Wilton.

18. Abby Frances, b. Aug. 28, 1834; m., Nov. 27, 1856, Charles H. White of Moultonborough. They res. in Wilton and have four children.

19. Eliza Herrick, b. July 5, 1836; unm.

20. Charles Carroll, b. May 4, 1838. He was in Co. F, Forty-fifth Regt., Mass. V. He m., May 7, 1868, Emma Caroline, dau. of Jonathan and Sarah W. Parkhurst, and res. in Wilton. See Parkhurst gen. (**37**). They have two daughters, Elizabeth and Grace.

21. Lucy Kendall, b. March 12, 1840; m., March 21, 1860, Gardner Blanchard. They res. on the place of Rev. Abel Fiske. See Blanchard gen. (**70**).

22. Mary Ritter (**42**), b. Jan. 3, 1842.

23. EDWARD HENRY (**12**), b. March 12, 1825. He has res. many years in Nashua as a banker, during which time he has been representative to the Legislature, and president and treasurer of the Savings and First National Bank. He now res. on the old Spalding homestead in Wilton, which he has much improved. He is very much interested in the historical and archæological questions relating to the early affairs of the country, and the genealogies of families, and has many curious and valuable books on these subjects, which he has contributed to the library of his school district. He m., April 5, 1849, Lucy Ann Fletcher, who was b. Nov. 11, 1826, and d. Feb. 13, 1859. He m., 2d, Aug. 20, 1860, Emma Holt of Lyndeborough, who d. Dec. 2, 1860, aged 22 yrs. He m., 3d., Dec. 6, 1861, Harriet S. Holmes of Londonderry, who d. May 22, 1866, aged 28 yrs. He m., 4th, Judith Walker of Nashua. Children:

24. George Edward, b. March 26, 1850; d. Nov. 30, 1860.

25. Lucy Ann, b. Dec. 7, 1851; d. Dec. 8, 1860.

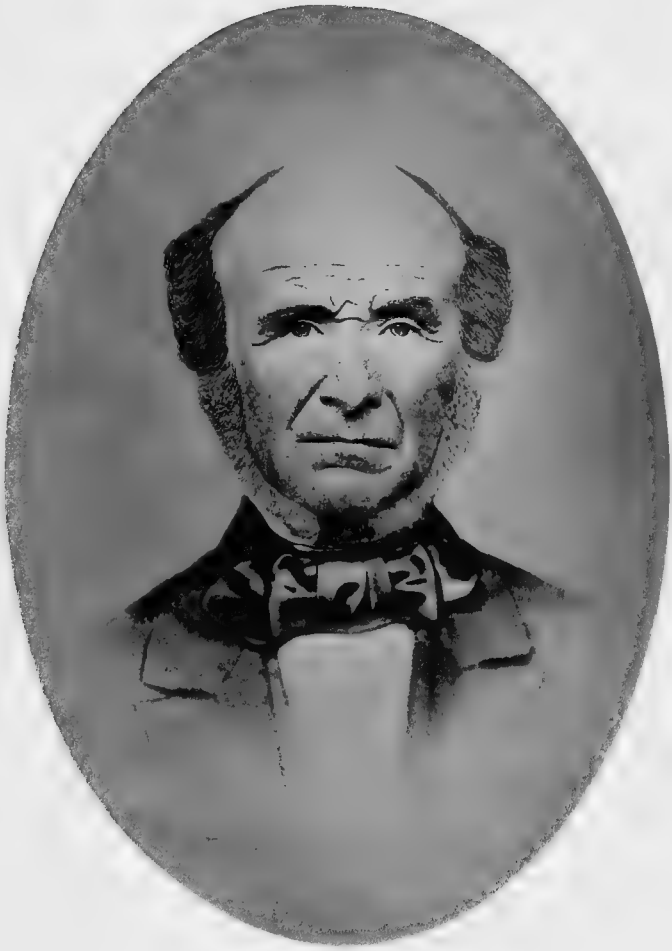
26. Henry Moses, b. May 15, 1854.

27. Waldo Ritter, b. Dec. 12, 1856; d. Dec. 4, 1860.

28. Isaac, b. Feb. 3, 1859; d. Dec. 22, 1860.

29. Elizabeth Combs, b. Dec. 12, 1862; m. Charles R. Buddy, who is cashier of the First National Bank, Denton, Texas.

30. Harriet Ritter, b. March 26, 1866. She is a graduate of the Normal School, a teacher, and res. in Wilton.



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31. WILLIAM RITTER (**14**), b. April 8, 1828; res. in Lawrence, Mass., where he has been a prominent merchant, treasurer of the Lawrence Savings Bank, director in the Pemberton Bank, and a director in the Concord Railroad. He m., Aug. 1, 1850, Mary Abby Ham, who was b., Rochester, Aug. 4, 1831. Children:

32. William Walter, b. Dec. 29, 1853.

33. Anna Elizabeth, b. Oct. 8, 1856.

34. Abbie Kimball, b. Sept. 14, 1858.

35. Mary Ritter, b. May 13, 1861.

36. Charles Edward, b. March 8, 1863.

37. Josephine.

38. JOHN AUGUSTINE (**15**), b. May 29, 1837. He res. in Nashua, is cashier of the First National Bank, and a director of the Concord Railroad. His summer res. is in Wilton, where he has a farm. He m., Oct. 13, 1859, Josephine Estelle, b., Rumney, July 7, 1841, dau. of Joseph and Abigail Eastman; deceased. He m., 2d, Mrs. Martha (Learned) Noyes, dau. of Dr. Learned of Fall River, Mass. Children by first wife:

39. William Edward, b. Dec. 13, 1860.

40. Harry Eastman, b. June 11, 1862; d. Sept. 6, 1862.

41. Annie Noyes; child by second wife.

42. MARY RITTER (**22**), b. Jan. 3, 1812; m., Feb. 1. 1866, Asa Blanchard of Lyndeborough and res. there. Children:

43. George Gardner (Blanchard), b. Feb. 17, 1867.

44. Lucy Spalding (Blanchard), b. Feb. 17, 1869.

45. Harry Goodwin (Blanchard), b. Dec. 22, 1870.

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1. ABIJAH SPALDING, a brother of Isaac (**1**) of preceding family, b., Merrimack, June 18, 1756; d., Wilton, April 12, 1828. He settled in Wilton. He m. Polly Wyman of Billerica, Mass., who d. Feb. 1, 1817, aged 57 yrs. Children:

2. Mary, b., Wilton, Feb. 11, 1789; d. Dec. 26, 1852. She m., April, 1815, Joseph Gray. See Gray gen. (**54**).

3. Samuel (**5**), b. Sept. 20, 1791.

4. Abijah (**9**), b. Jan. 11, 1804.

5. SAMUEL (**3**), b. Sept. 20, 1791; d. Oct. 7, 1859. He settled on his father's farm; m., Dec. 31, 1824, Nancy Phelps. See Phelps gen. (**8**). Children:

6. Mary, b. Nov. 24, 1825; d. March 4, 1841.

7. John Henry (**13**), b. March 2, 1828.

8. Mary Ann, b. Aug. 26, 1842.

9. ABIJAH (**4**), b. Jan. 11, 1804; res. in Wilton. He m., Dec. 1, 1831, Olivia Hutchinson of Milford, who was b. Feb. 20, 1809. Children:

10. Horatio Augustus, b. Sept. 20, 1832; m. Fanny Batchelder.

11. Theresa Augusta, b. Sept. 12, 1835; m., March, 1857, Charles E. Beard of New Ipswich.

12. Henry Erastus, b. Jan. 10, 1840.

13. JOHN HENRY (**7**), b. March 2, 1828. He res. in Amite City, La. He m., Oct. 11, 1855, Mary Louisa Hopkins of Mobile, Ala., who d. Aug. 10, 1859, aged 23 yrs. Children:

14. Samuel Hopkins, b., Wilton, Aug. 31, 1856.

15. Clara Lavinia, b. July 10, 1858; name changed to Mary L. Tufts.

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1. JONATHAN SPALDING, a distant relative of preceding Isaac and Abijah, was the son of Rev. Sampson Spalding, who was the first minister of Tewksbury, Mass., and who preached there for sixty or sixty-one years. Jonathan was b., Tewksbury, Sept. 15, 1747; d., Wilton, Sept. 30, 1832. He came to Wilton and settled on the interval where James Hutchinson now lives. He was well to do in property for those times, owning a tomb in the cemetery. He m., Feb. 11, 1771, Mary Marshall, who was b. May 23, 1750; d. Dec. 20, 1839. Children:

2. Abiel, b., Tewksbury, Sept. 14, 1771; m., and settled in Vermont.

3. Abel, b., Tewksbury, Nov. 7, 1773; m., 1798, Rebecca Ober; lived in Hollis and Milford.

4. Mary, b. Aug. 24, 1775; d. Aug. 29, 1850; m., 1796, William Kittredge.

5. Anna, b. Nov. 30, 1777; d. Aug. 21, 1860; m., Sept. 24, 1824, James Hutchinson. See George Hutchinson gen. (**3**).

6. Jonathan, b., Tewksbury, Oct. 29, 1779; d., Wilton, Nov. 9, 1819; m. Alice Kidder; four children, all deceased.

7. Asaph, b., Tewksbury, Aug. 2, 1782; m., and lived in Hollis.

8. Hannah, b., Tewksbury, Sept. 14, 1784; d. July 7, 1842; m., Aug. 29, 1824, Joseph Colburn of Milford.

9. Loammi, b., Tewksbury, Aug. 22, 1786; m., and lived in Temple.

10. Achsah, b., Tewksbury, Sept. 2, 1788; d. April 27, 1873; m., March 26, 1829, John Kimball. See Kimball gen.

11. Sampson, b., Tewksbury, Aug. 14, 1790; m., and lived in Mason.

12. Mehitable, b., Tewksbury, Aug. 14, 1790; d. July 10, 1833; unm.

13. John, b., Hollis, Oct. 18, 1792; m., and lived in Mason. A dau., Caroline, m. Charles Dumont Gray. See Gray gen. (**76**).

14. Lucinda, b. March 11, 1794; m., March 9, 1842, Oliver Shattuck of Bakersfield, Vt. She was his second wife, and d. at Greenville, more than 90 yrs. of age. She wove a seamless bag, while weaving a pillow case, by some casual adjustment of the loom, and obtained a prize for it at the town fair.

SPRING FAMILY.

1. JOHN CLARK SPRING, b., Peterborough, July 16, 1804; d. Feb. 5, 1854. He resided from 1832 to 1842 in Utica, N. Y., then he removed to Milford, and, in April, 1843, to Wilton and settled on the farm now owned by John Herlihy. He m., April 7, 1829, Lorena Jaquith, who is still living, 1885, with her son in Lebanon.

2. John Langdon (**6**), b. Jan. 14, 1830.

3. Charles H., b. Aug. 22, 1831; m. Bessie Colton, and is a practising physician in Boston, Mass.

4. Walter Addison, b. April 18, 1833; d. Aug., 1835.

5. Emma Lorena, b. May 31, 1845; m. Charles Battles, and res. in Decatur, Ill.

6. JOHN LANGDON (2), b. Jan. 14, 1830. He practised law in Wilton in 1861, and for about eight years in Milford. In March, 1870, he removed to Lebanon, where he has since been in practice. He received the honorary degree of A. M. from Dartmouth College in 1875. He m., March 1, 1856, Ellen M. Fountain. Children:

7. Arthur L., b. Feb. 25, 1858. A grad. of Dartmouth College, 1880, and is practising law with his father in Lebanon.

8. Clarence W., b. April 14, 1859. He grad., Dartmouth College, 1880, and is a practising physician in Fitchburg, Mass.

9. Carrie M., b. Oct. 28, 1860; m. Charles S. Clark, a teacher in Washington, D. C.

10. John Roland, b. Dec. 16, 1875.

SQUIRES FAMILY.

1. ALBON SQUIRES, son of Moses Squires, b., Milford, Jan. 8, 1807; d. June 3, 1842. He worked on the Blackstone Canal when it was in process of construction, and when it was completed he ran a boat between Providence and Worcester until he met with an accident that was eventually the cause of his death, although, for several years, he was able to perform hard labor. About 1839 he bought the Rockwood farm, on which he resided until his death. He m., Nov. 8, 1836, Abigail, dau. of Jonathan Farwell, who was b., Milford, April 18, 1807, and d. Oct. 31, 1845. Children:

2. Abba Ann, b. Nov. 14, 1838; m., March 28, 1885, John Mitchell.

3. Emily Augusta, b. Aug. 18, 1841; m., March 1, 1865, David F. Henderson of Needham, Mass. He has been for twenty-eight years extensively engaged in market gardening, and is captain of the Roxbury Horse Guards.

STANLEY FAMILY.

1. EDMUND C. STANLEY, b., Bradford, April 25, 1814, came to Wilton in 1835 and has since res. here. He is by trade a wood-turner. He m., April 24, 1843, Hannah Mason. See Mason gen. (**4**). Children:

2. Horace M., b. Feb. 28, 1844.

3. Willard P., b. March 14, 1846.

4. Mary E., b. July 29, 1848; m., July 4, 1869, Philip A. Dow of Boston.

5. Caroline, b. June 24, 1851; m., April 19, 1870, Nathan A. Cragin. See Cragin gen. (**10**).

6. George E., b. Jan. 12, 1859; d., New York, Sept. 27, 1886.

STANTON FAMILY.

1. MICHAEL P. STANTON was b., Killeely, Co. Galway, Ireland, Sept. 22, 1850, being the second son of John L. Stanton, who had six sons and two daughters. He came to America, Aug., 1868, and first settled in Wilton, and worked for A. J. Putnam & Co. He then worked in Salem, Mass., for two years. He returned to Wilton in 1878, when his parents and the rest of the family came to America, and worked for the Boston & Lowell Railroad. He opened a fish and grocery store, Feb., 1878, in Ramsey's building. But in 1881 his business had so increased that he needed more room, and he purchased of George S. Neville the building opposite the depot, where he has since made his stand. He m., Nov. 15, 1884, Mary E. Dillon, and they res. on Maple St. Child:

2. John Stanton, b. June 27, 1885.

STEARNS FAMILY.

1. HIRAM D. STEARNS of Amherst m. Mary Putnam. See Putnam gen. (**153**).

2. WILLIAM D., son of preceding, b., Amherst Aug. 25, 1834. He is a carpenter. He was mustered into Co. C, Fourth Regt., N. H. V., Sept. 18, 1861; promoted to serg. major, Aug. 12, 1862; promoted to second lieut., Oct. 10, 1863; wounded, May 20, 1864; honorably discharged, Sept. 14, 1864. Soon after the war he came to Wilton. A vacancy occurring in the office of town clerk in 1869, he was appointed to fill it for the remainder of the year, and has been chosen since with little opposition, up to 1886. He has served seven terms as selectman, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1885. He m., Nov. 24, 1859, Frances D. Marvel, who d. March 10, 1863. He m., 2d, April 21, 1869, Julia E. Sweet, who d. March 28, 1876. He m., 3d, Sept. 18, 1878, Mary I. Sias. Children:

3. Walter E., b., Amherst, Oct. 26, 1860.

4. Lizzie E., b., Amherst, Dec. 25, 1861; d. March 26, 1863.

5. Alice K., b., Wilton, Aug. 18, 1870.

6. Mary P., b., Wilton, March 6, 1872.

7. Willie R., b. Aug. 16, 1880.

STEEL AND STEELE FAMILIES.

1. JOHN STEEL was one of the earliest settlers in the south part of the town. He was of Scotch descent, and occupied the farm since owned by Zebadiah Abbot. Before the Revolution he sold his place to Maj. William Abbot, and left the town. Children by his wife, Jane:

2. Jane, b. Sept. 9, 1760.

3. John, b. Aug. 13, 1762.

4. Elizabeth, b. July 27, 1764.

5. David, b. May 5, 1766.

6. Sarah, b. March 31, probably in 1768; the leaf of the record is torn.

1. BENJAMIN STEELE came to Wilton from Andover, Mass. He bought of Nathan Blanchard part of lots numbered 5 and 6, second range, deed dated April 16, 1772. He also bought of Jacob Abbot part of lots numbered 5 and 6, first range. The sum paid for both parcels of land was £128 6s. 8d., from which it would appear that the farm was considerably improved at the time of purchase. Mr. Steele was in the Winter Hill campaign of 1775. He drew pay for twenty days' service in the Saratoga campaign of 1777, and for twenty-five days' service in the expedition to Rhode Island in 1778. We have not the date of his death, but he is remembered by some aged persons still living in Wilton. Children by his wife, Hannah:

2. Phebe, b. March 26, 1774.

3. Benjamin (**7**), b. Dec. 11, 1776.

4. Sarah, b. June 2, 1779.

5. Lydia, b. April 19, 1781.

6. William Lovejoy (**13**), b. June 28, 1784.

7. BENJAMIN (**3**), b. Dec. 11, 1776; d. Nov. 18, 1845. He res. on the farm formerly owned by Jonathan Martin. He m., Feb. 12, 1801, Judith Blanchard, who d. Sept. 1, 1865, aged 86 yrs. See Blanchard gen. (**33**). Children:

8. Alvah (**18**), b. March 7, 1801.

9. Abiel, b. May 1, 1803. He was a carpenter, and spent a year or two in Georgia. He res. in several different towns. He m. ——— Hardy of Hollis, by whom he had several children, one of whom m. and had children, but of them we have no record.

10. Hannah, b. Dec. 14, 1804; m., Dec. 22, 1834, Leonard Pettengill. See Pettengill gen. (**37**).

11. Nancy, b. Nov. 1, 1806; m., Dec. 18, 1832, Francis Green. See Green gen. (**1**).

12. Ruby, b. Jan. 10, 1819; m., May, 1846, Peter H. Putnam. See Putnam gen. (**292**).

13. WILLIAM LOVEJOY (**6**), b. June 28, 1784; d. March 4, 1860. He was a farmer and res. on the homestead. He m. Dolly Tarbell of Mason, who d. Aug. 30, 1861, aged 66 yrs. Children:

14. Benjamin Franklin (**22**), b. Sept. 1, 1820.

15. Eliza, b. Nov. 3, 1822; d. Feb., 1885.

16. Elmira, b. Sept. 5, 1825.

17. Elvira, b. Sept. 5, 1825.

18. ALVAH (**8**), b. March 7, 1801; d. Milledgeville, Ga., Aug. 16, 1836. After studying at Phillips Andover Academy, he entered Yale College, but in his senior year left college to engage in teaching at St. Mary's, Ga. After several years spent at St. Mary's and elsewhere, he opened a school for manual labor near Milledgeville, where he d. He sometimes conducted religious service on Sunday, reading a printed sermon, but it is not known that he was licensed to preach. He m., Nov. 12, 1829, Eliza Hale, dau. of Zebadiah Abbot. See Abbot gen. After Mr. Steele d., his widow with

three small children returned to Wilton, where she res. until her death, March 10, 1853. Children:

19. Edwin Alberti, b. Sept. 8, 1830; d. Dec. 13, 1845.

20. Delona Abbot, b. July 11, 1832; settled in Wis. He m. Harriet Worth, who d., leaving one son. He m., 2d, Barbara Trott, by whom he has had several children.

21. Alvah, b. Dec. 25, 1834. He has res. successively in Wilton, Nashua and Francestown, where he is now settled on a farm. He m. Martha Ann Winn.

22. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (**14**), b. Sept. 1, 1820. He was a farmer and res. on the homestead of his father and grandfather. He m. ——— Colburn of Hollis. They had an adopted son, Albert W.

23. ALBERT W., m. Oldis C. Barrett. See George Barrett gen. (**3**). Children:

24. Ivy May, b. May 25, 1876.

25. George Franklin, b. March 15, 1879.

STEVENS FAMILIES.

1. HENRY STEVENS lived in Wilton for several years, but we find no record that he had a family, nor do we know what was the relationship, if any, between Henry, Theodore, and John Stevens; probably they were brothers. On the pay-roll of Capt. William Walker's co., dated Aug. 1, 1775, the names of Henry and Theodore Stevens appear as having entered that company, April 23, 1775; the company was in the battle of Bunker Hill. Both of their names are also on the roll of Capt. William Barron's co., in the campaign at Ticonderoga, 1776.

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1. THEODORE STEVENS; m. Anna ———. Children:

2. Mary, b. April 18, 1775; d. April 26, 1775.

3. John, b. Jan. 17, 1778.

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1. JOHN STEVENS; d. April 11, 1811, aged 72 yrs. He settled on lot No. 4, eighth range. He m., 1769, Sarah Pierce of Chelmsford, said to be a relative of Gov. Pierce of N. H. She d. July 15, 1823, aged 77 yrs. Children:

2. Betsey, b. Sept. 17, 1771; d. June 25, 1848; m., Oct. 16, 1794, George Lancey. See Lancey gen. (**2**).

3. Sarah, b. June 10, 1776; d., Temple, Sept. 8, 1850. She m., April 18, 1799, Phineas Blanchard of Milford.

4. Anna, b. Sept. 17, 1778; m., Nov. 21, 1799, Joseph Phelps. See Phelps gen. (**5**).

5. Hannah, b. Feb. 10, 1781; d., Mason Village, now Greenville, Dec. 10, 1841.

6. John (**7**), b. July 21, 1783.

7. JOHN (**6**), b. July 21, 1783; d. March 25, 1848. He began school

keeping when eighteen years old, and for twenty years his winters were chiefly devoted to that occupation. He was especially skilful in the management and government of schools, and many anecdotes are told of his success where other teachers had failed. He held offices in the militia to the rank of captain, and was for many years a justice of the peace. He served six years as one of the selectmen of Wilton, one year as town clerk and four years as representative to the Legislature. In Jan., 1824, he removed to Mason Village, and was clerk and treasurer of the Mason Cotton Mills Co. until they closed up their business. He was five years selectman in Mason, and was elected eleven times a representative to the Legislature. He was moderator of the annual town meeting from the year 1826 to 1847, inclusive. His only surviving child, Mrs. Sylvia S. Ferguson of Brooklyn, N. Y., writes as follows of her father: "In person he was tall and commanding, his countenance strongly indicating talent and executive power. In manners he combined a judge-like gravity with politeness and affability of deportment. His strong intellect was early stimulated into active exercise by high aspirations. Self-culture and mental training, which a want of educational helps imposed, fitted him to act well his part in those public stations he was called to fill. The office of justice of the peace he held and in it transacted much business. His papers were characterized by good penmanship, minute accuracy and business-like execution. As a citizen and a man he always stood in his lot, meeting the wants of society with a liberal spirit and a generous hand." He m., June 7, 1807, Hannah, dau. of Maj. Samuel and Lydia (Abbot) Lovejoy, who d., Mason Village, Oct. 4, 1861, aged 76 yrs. See William Lovejoy gen. (**11**). Children, all born in Wilton:

8. Lydia, b. Feb. 6, 1810; d., Monroe, Ia., Sept. 16, 1883. She m. Albert Taft.

9. Sarah, b. Aug. 24, 1811; d., Caledonia Centre, Wis., June 2, 1862. She m. Aaron Felt.

10. John, b. June 6, 1813; d., Caledonia Centre, Wis., Oct. 5, 1867. He m. Sarah Keyes.

11. Sylvia, b. Aug. 26, 1815. She m. James Ferguson, who d., Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1869.

12. Henry, b. Jan. 26, 1818; d., Caledonia Centre, Wis., July 10, 1875. He m. Eliza Sawtelle.

13. Samuel Lovejoy, b. March 14, 1823; d., Oregon City, Nov. 1, 1876. He m. Jennie Straight.

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1. DAVID STEVENS, b. June 6, 1819. He is a salesman in a dry goods store. He m., Jan. 16, 1849, Sarah F. French, who d. March 29, 1852. He m., 2d, Jan. 3, 1856, Hannah C. Baldwin. Children:

2. Edward F., b. Jan. 7, 1850; m., Dec. 2, 1875, Emma L. Wetlock.

3. Sarah F., b. March 19, 1852; m., Aug. 24, 1881, Rev. A. F. Norcross.

4. Julia A., b. Dec. 24, 1859; m., Aug. 24, 1881, Prof. Charles D. Adams.

5. Emma D., b. May 8, 1861.

STILES FAMILY.

1. Robert Stiles emigrated from England, probably Yorkshire, and res. in Dorchester awhile, but, in 1660, is found in Rowley, Mass. He m. Elizabeth Frye, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. One of the sons:

2. Ebenezer, b. Feb. 20, 1669, settled in Middleton, Mass., and had three sons. He divided a large farm between two of them, one of whom was:

3. Ebenezer, who settled in Middleton, Mass., m., about 1732, Sarah Howe, and had six sons, of whom three, Joseph, Abner and Asa, come into the records of Wilton. The above facts are derived from Blood's History of Temple.

4. Joseph is mentioned in the records as early as 1773. He was spoken of in Burton's Diary in the Ticonderoga campaign, and the baptisms of his children are recorded in the church book, 1779 and 1782. We find the record of a deed from Joseph Stiles conveying part of lot No. 13, eighth range, to James Hutchinson. He lived on the place now owned by Dea. George Buss.

5. Abner (**7**), d. March 4, 1791, aged 51 yrs.

6. Asa (**11**).

7. Abner (**5**), d. March 4, 1791, aged 51 yrs. He settled on lot No. 15, sixth range. He served three years as selectman, and was often chosen to other offices. He m. Ruth ———, who d. June 20, 1824, aged 88 yrs. Children:

8. Betty, b. Oct. 9, 1763; m., May 22, 1792, Asa Stiles.

9. John, b. March 13, 1767; d. Feb. 6, 1824. He settled on the homestead, was a good townsman and an honest, kind and obliging neighbor. In attempting to stop a runaway colt that was attached to a sleigh, the end of the shaft struck his side, breaking several of his ribs, from which injury he d. a few days after. He m., Sept. 18, 1794, Sally Sheldon.

10. Ruth, b. Oct. 7, 1772; m., July 9, 1797, James Hutchinson. See George Hutchinson gen. (**3**).

11. Asa (**6**), of Middleton, Mass., bought of Joseph Putnam the west half of lot No. 20, tenth range, it being the original northwest corner of Wilton, before the slip was taken off to form the town of Temple; deed dated Oct. 14, 1782. George Jaffrey of Portsmouth conveyed to Asa Stiles of Temple, and Asa Stiles to Asa Stiles, Jun., lot No. 18, eighth range, the deeds being respectively dated, April 2, 1791, and Oct. 15, 1791. This is one of the very few farms now owned by the descendants of those who purchased of the original proprietors. He m. Huldah Bixby, who was b. Oct. 28, 1740, and d. Jan. 13, 1823. Children, born in Middleton:

12. Asa (**18**), b. Nov. 10, 1765.

13. Ebenezer (**25**), b. Aug. 28, 1769.

14. Huldah, b. Dec. 28, 1772; m. ——— Kidder.

15. Olive, b. Aug. 6, 1776; unm.

16. Fanny, b. March 30, 1778; m. Oliver Whiting, Jun.

17. David, b. Dec. 22, 1779; d., aged 90 yrs. He res. at different

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times in Temple, Lyndeborough, Milford and Wilton. He was for many years a justice of the peace, and held town offices in Temple and Lyndeborough. He was much employed in surveying land and running lines, was the administrator of many estates, and for many winters taught school. At one of the school examinations he composed a poem to be read called "The Pedagogue's Complaint," the first stanza of which ran thus:

"Does any one desire to know
What honest calling here below
Perplexes most with care?
I'd tell him quick, the Pedagogue,
Whether an honest man or rogue,
Partakes the greatest share."

He m. Elizabeth Mack of Londonderry, who d., Mont Vernon, aged 95 yrs. See Mack gen. (**13**).

18. Asa (**12**), b. Nov. 10, 1765. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and for several years kept a small store. He res. on lot No. 18, eighth range, and built the house now owned by his grandson, Joseph W. Stiles. In 1823 he held the office of selectman. He was a small man, close knit and very quick. Anecdotes are told of the pluck and spirit of the little man when he carried off the palm of triumph and victory. He m., May 22, 1792, Ruth Stiles. He m., 2d, Sept., 1802, Mrs. Abigail (Harwood) Carson. He m., 3d, Nov. 21, 1822, Mary Dascomb. See Dascomb gen. (**10**). Children:

19. Asa (**30**), b. April 27, 1794.

20. Betsey, b. April, 1798; m. David Blood; res. in Mason.

21. Polly, b. June 7, 1800; m. Royal Blood.

22. Nancy, b. Nov. 25, 1803; m. Gilbert Tapley. See Tapley gen. (**8**).

23. Abigail, b. April 7, 1805; m., Sept. 4, 1827, Ebenezer Davidson, who was a machinist and res. in Connecticut.

24. Sarah, b. Oct. 4, 1806; m. Reuben Daniels, who was a machinist and res. in Vermont.

25. Ebenezer (**13**), b. Aug. 28, 1769. He lived on the farm that is now the northeast corner of Temple. Mr. Blood in his History of Temple says he m. three wives, and lived and d. in Temple, leaving two sons and one dau. We find that he was taxed as a res. of Wilton in 1800, and in the five years previous. The name of his wife was Sarah. Children, as given in the Wilton records:

26. Sarah, b. July 17, 1794.

27. Polly, b. May 8, 1796.

28. Ebenezer, b. May 9, 1798.

29. Alice, b. May 10, 1800.

30. Asa (**19**), b. April 27, 1794; d. Oct. 2, 1874. He res. on the homestead, to which he made a large addition. He was a successful farmer, a good townsman and an obliging neighbor. He was selectman for two years. He m., Dec. 2, 1819, Polly Tapley, who d. Nov. 15, 1857. See Tapley gen. (**2**). He m., 2d, Lucinda Blanchard of Lyndeborough. He m., 3d, Mrs. Farwell. Children:

31. Joseph Warren, b. Dec. 9, 1821. He is a farmer and res. on the homestead. He m., Nov. 29, 1860, Nancy Gray.

32. Henry (**37**), b. May 31, 1824.

33. Mary Ann, b. Feb. 12, 1826; m , March 14, 1850, Hermon Hopkins, a miller. See Hopkins gen. (**3**).

34. David Tapley (**45**), b. Dec. 8, 1827.

35. Rebecca Jane, b. June 19, 1831; d. Oct. 25, 1854.

36. Harriet Elizabeth (**53**), b. Nov. 13, 1834.

37. Henry (**32**), b. May 31, 1824; he is a blacksmith and res. in Lyndeborough. He m., Aug. 26, 1849, Rachel A., dau. of Isaac and Hannah P. Giddings. Children:

38. Luella A., b. Oct. 18, 1850.

39. Hattie M., b. July 9, 1852.

40. Flora E., b. April 28, 1856.

41. Esther E., b. July 13, 1858.

42. Etta F., b. March 10, 1866.

43. Ernest I., b. May 13, 1869.

44. Ada M., b. July 2, 1874.

45. David Tapley (**34**), b. Dec. 8, 1827; m., Sept. 10, 1854, Laura H. Capron. Children:

46. Eddie L., b. Nov. 21, 1857; drowned June 18, 1860.

47. Ida M., b. Aug. 12, 1859; m., July 15, 1877, Edwin F. Frye. See Frye gen. (**52**).

48. John Asa, b. May 8, 1861; m., Nov. 13, 1883, Mary Devine.

49. Frank A., b. June 6, 1863.

50. William A., b. May 2, 1865; m., June 19, 1884, Josephine Philips.

51. Charles A., b. June 13, 1868.

52. Hattie A., b. April 19, 1870.

53. Harriet Elizabeth (**36**), b. Nov. 13, 1834; m., Nov. 20, 1856, Moses M. Balch, a miller. They have res. in Weare, Temple and New Ipswich. Children:

54. Anna J. (Balch), b. Oct. 11, 1858.

55. Ella M. (Balch), b. July 3, 1862; m., June 24, 1883, Albert F. Walker.

56. Abbie L. (Balch), b. Feb. 1, 1870.

SUMNER FAMILY.

1. Dallas Sumner, b., Nashua, March 9, 1847, has been a res. of Wilton nearly all the time since his marriage. He is a house painter and paper hanger. He m., Nov. 16, 1868, Anna F. Rogers, b., Weare, Aug. 20, 1849. Children:

2. Lula Frances, b. Jan. 31, 1870.

3. Hattie Fleeman, b. Nov. 14, 1871.

4. Grace May, b. July 18, 1875.

5. Elmore Flint, b. May 15, 1878; d. Feb. 21, 1879.

6. Myrta Louisa, b. June 17, 1881.

TAPLEY FAMILY.

1. Elijah Tapley, d. Oct. 9, 1842, aged 77 yrs. He came to Wilton from Danvers, Mass., with his wife and three children, and bought of

Samuel M. Emerson lot No. 17, ninth range, now a part of the County Farm; the deed dated, Nov. 22, 1799, and the consideration, $1250. He was a farmer, a good neighbor, frank and honest in his dealings, and it was remarked of him that no one was more free from deceit of any kind. For several of the last years of his life he was lame, and worked at making trunks. His wife, Rebecca, d. Aug. 1, 1846, aged 79 yrs. Children:

2. Polly, m. Dec. 2, 1819, Asa Stiles. See Stiles gen. (**30**).

3. Eliab (**5**), d. April 18, 1833, aged 39 yrs.

4. Gilbert (**8**), d. in Woburn, Mass.

5. ELIAB (**3**), d. April 18, 1833, aged 39 yrs. He was for several years engaged in teaming, and for a time owned the Hutchinson mill. Soon after his death his family left Wilton. He m., Nov., 1821, Mary Farrar, who d., Worcester, Mass., Sept. 6, 1865, aged 70 yrs. Children:

6. George.

7. Charles.

8. GILBERT (**4**), d. in Woburn, Mass., at the home of his oldest daughter. He lived on the farm with his father. After the death of his parents he sold his farm, and removed to Clinton, Mass., where he kept a boarding house. About the time he sold his farm he had a severe paralytic shock. He res. a few years in Milford, and while there had the small-pox. He m. Nancy Stiles. See Stiles gen. (**22**). Children:

9. Abbie A., m. A. J. Parker. See Josiah Parker gen. (**29**).

10. Harriet R., m. J. F. Boynton of Milford.

11. Rodney, worked at the tin business in Wilton. While at work on a house he fell, and injured himself so much that he d. in a few days. He m. Adaline Farwell of Milford. They had two daughters, both deceased.

12. F. Jane, m. John Bruce of Worcester, Mass.

13. Fanny, m. S. Weston.

14. M. Louise, m. Nathan Hutchinson of Milford.

15. Sarah M., deceased.

We have been unable to procure further dates.

TARBELL, OR TARBLE, FAMILIES.

1. CHARLES TARBELL was a resident of Lyndeborough until March, 1867, and served one or more years as one of the selectmen of Lyndeborough. He res. in Wilton nine years and then returned to Lyndeborough. He m., Nov. 19, 1854, Emma F. Tyler. See Tyler gen. (**27**). Children:

2. Nelo W., b. Oct. 25, 1855. He lived in Lyndeborough for two years; m., April 9, 1879, Anna Livermore Kimball. See Kimball gen. (**66**).

3. Fred. H., b., Wilton, July 21, 1870.

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1. LUTHER A. TARBLE, b. Brookline. In Nov., 1852, he came with his family from Fitchburg, Mass., to West Wilton, where he has since resided. He is a farmer and has traded considerably in real estate. He m., May 2, 1842, Louise Farnsworth. Children:

2. John E., b., Brookline, May 16, 1843; d. Feb. 9, 1872. He enlisted in a Mass. regt. and served during the war. On June 28, 1866, he fell from the third story of a building in Charlestown, Mass., and his lower limbs were entirely paralyzed by the injury then received. He m., Dec. 5, 1865, Charlotte E. Perry of Fitchburg, Mass., who d. Nov. 27, 1866.

3. Emma J., b., Groton, Mass., June 23, 1845; d. Aug. 15, 1847.

4. Mary E., b. Feb. 4, 1851; d. Feb. 8, 1853.

5. Eldora, b. Dec. 26, 1852; m., May 24, 1874, William J. Putnam, and res. in Nashua. See Putnam gen. (**300**).

6. George W., b. Feb. 10, 1856.

7. Delora, b. Jan. 29, 1860.

TOWNE FAMILY.

1. THOMAS TOWNE was in Capt. Benjamin Taylor's co. in the Winter Hill campaign, and also in Capt. Goss's co. at Bennington. He m. Sarah, dau. of John and Abigail Burton. Children:

2. Eli, b. Aug. 10, 1774.

3. David Burton, b. Oct. 5, 1775.

4. Moses, b. June 2, 1778.

5. Abel, b. Sept. 9, 1779.

6. Samuel, b. June 19, 1782.

7. Francis Paine, b. May 7, 1784.

8. Abigail Harvey, b. Dec. 18, 1785.

TOWNSEND FAMILY.

1. DARIUS TOWNSEND, d. July 7, 1859, aged 75 yrs. He came from Bolton, Mass., to Wilton in 1816, and commenced hat-making on the spot where John Cram settled. He continued in that business until he bought of John Mack the farm now owned by his son, Albert Townsend. He m., 1823, Pamelia Peabody of Castleton, Vt., who d. March 5, 1885, aged 82 yrs. Children:

2. William, b. Nov., 1824; d. July 15, 1825.

3. Francis P., b. March, 1828; d. Sept. 4, 1829.

4. Albert, b. Aug. 23, 1840; unm. He lives on the homestead, to which he has made large additions.

TYLER FAMILY.

1. PARKER TYLER, b., Boxford, Mass.; d., Townsend, aged 84 yrs. He purchased, in 1803, the farm in Wilton now owned by William Abbot. Putnam Tyler says that his father, with his family, cattle, sheep and hogs, started one morning in Oct., 1803, from Leominster, Mass., for Wilton, but did not arrive until nearly midnight, and that he, then ten years old, walked and assisted in driving the stock. Mr. Tyler left Wilton in 1820. He m. Hannah Flint, b. Danvers, Mass. He m., 2d, Lucy Giddings, b., Lunenburg, Mass., 1767. Children:

2. Flint, b. Nov. 2, 1782.

3. Aphia, b. Nov. 22, 1784; d. Sept. 29, 1806. She m., June 4, 1806, William Abbot.

4. Hannah, b. Oct. 20, 1786.

5. Parker, b. Oct. 7, 1788. He left Wilton soon after his marriage. He m., Dec. 28, 1814, Abigail Buss. See Silas Buss gen. (**5**).

6. Seth Payson, b. April 29, 1791. He went from Wilton to Rindge, and from there to Leominster, Mass., where he d. He m. Sally Gray. See Gray gen. (**28**).

7. Putnam (**14**), b. Sept. 20, 1793.

8. Laura, b. Nov. 17, 1795.

9. Louisa, b. Nov. 17, 1795.

10. Miriam, b. Jan. 23, 1798; m., Sept. 30, 1819, Jonathan Keyes. See Keyes gen. (**42**).

11. Levi (**23**), b. Oct. 22, 1800.

12. Aphia, first child by second wife, b. Nov. 6, 1806; m. Frederic Wilder.

13. Asa, b. July 31, 1809.

14. PUTNAM (**7**), b. Sept. 20, 1793. He learned the carpenter's trade of Aaron K. Putnam. Soon after he was twenty-one, he went to Georgia and worked there and in other southern states for several years. He res. in Wilton a few years, then purchased land and a water privilege in Milford, had built a dam and was about to erect a mill, when the unprecedented ice freshet of 1835 entirely swept away the improvements he had made. About thirty years ago he removed to Marlow, where he still lives at the ripe age of ninety-five yrs. He m., Nov. 26, 1840, Lucy Seaver, b., Townsend, Dec. 6, 1818. Children:

15. Abraham Putnam, b. Sept. 13, 1841; d. Sept. 15, 1844.

16. Lucy L., b. Oct. 7, 1842.

17. William T., b. Feb. 20, 1844.

18. Mary Frances, b. Dec. 12, 1845.

19. Almana, b. June 25, 1847.

20. Andrew Jackson, b. Jan. 8, 1852.

21. Benjamin Franklin, b. July 12, 1854; res. in Marlow.

22. Hannah Flint, b. March 6, 1856.

23. LEVI (**11**), b. Oct. 22, 1800; d. May 26, 1870. He res. in Wilton until about 1840, when he removed to South Lyndeborough and built the mill near the forest road. He was a carpenter and millwright. He held offices in the militia to the rank of captain in the cavalry of the 22d Regt. He m., Sept. 27, 1825, Rhoda Pettengill. See Pettengill gen. (**16**). Children:

24. Sarah B., b. Dec. 19, 1826; m., Oct. 25, 1849, Abel F. Boynton.

25. Levi Andrew (**29**), b. April 17, 1828.

26. Rhoda M., b. Nov. 29, 1829; m., Dec. 14, 1852, Jonathan P. Richardson, who d. in the rebel prison, Danville, Va., Nov. 17, 1864.

27. Emma F., b. June 17, 1834; m., Nov. 19, 1854, Charles Tarbell. See Tarbell gen. (**1**).

28. Erastus F., b. Sept. 26, 1844; d. Feb. 24, 1845.

29. LEVI ANDREW (**25**), b. April 17, 1828. After his marriage he lived for several years in Lyndeborough, but he now res. in Wilton. He is a carpenter. He m., Dec. 24, 1853, Hannah D. Curtis, b., Lyndeborough, June 26, 1835. She was an invalid for some years, and d. Aug. 20, 1884. He m., 2d, April, 1886, Mrs. Frances A. Bales. Children:

30. Isabelle V., b. Jan. 27, 1855; m. Jerome B. Shedd of Peterborough.

31. Anna V., b. May 28, 1859.

32. Olivia B., b. July 15, 1868.

UPHAM FAMILY.

1. EZRA UPHAM came to Wilton from Malden about 1790. He d. Jan. 12, 1831, aged 72 yrs. His farm was part of lot No. 12, ninth range, now owned by his great-grandson, Abner B. Holt. What was the maiden name of his first wife, or the date of her death, we do not know. She had one child, a son, Ezra. He m., 2d, Feb. 1, 1798, Sally Abbot, who d. Nov. 5, 1852, aged 83 yrs. Child:

2. Ezra (**3**), b. Nov. 24, 1783.

3. EZRA (**2**), b. Nov. 24, 1783; d. Feb. 16, 1868; m. Bethiah Burnap, who d. March 3, 1874, aged 89 yrs. Children:

4. Sarah W., b. Feb. 23, 1809; m., Dec., 1826, Nathaniel B. Holt.

5. Bethiah, b. June 11, 1811; m., June 4, 1834, Abner Holt.

6. Ezra Abbot, b. Oct. 18, 1813; res. in Arlington, Mass.

7. Clement, b. Jan. 10, 1816; res. in Chelmsford, Mass.

8. Adaline, b. Oct. 9, 1819; m., June 5, 1839, Hermon Wright.

9. Almira, b. June 11, 1822; m., March 21, 1845, Abner Holt.

10. Lorenzo, b. Nov. 30, 1825; d. July 11, 1847.

WALLACE FAMILY.

1. GEORGE W. WALLACE, son of Robert Burns Wallace, was b., Milford, 1835. He was associated for several years with Joseph Newell in the clothing business in Wilton, and since 1861 has carried it on by himself. He was one of the unfortunate ones who were twice burned out. The Masonic Hall had been in the second story of his building; but when he rebuilt after the second fire, he erected a building of but one story, which he appropriates entirely to his own business. He has for many years been town treasurer. He m., 1853, Mary J. Bullard of Hancock.

WATSON FAMILY.

1. ISAAC WATSON came to Wilton from Amherst, and to Amherst from Cambridge, Mass. We have ascertained but few facts in relation to his family. He lived on the place now owned by Cyrus O. Whitney, and had three children, Betsey, Polly and Rebecca.

WHITE FAMILY.

1. CHARLES H. WHITE came to Wilton from Moultonborough in 1857, and lived for some years on that part of the Livermore farm now owned

by Lorenzo Gray. In April, 1864, he bought the Flint farm, where he has since resided. He m., Nov. 27, 1856, Abby Frances, dau. of Charles and Lydia J. Spalding. See Isaac Spalding gen. (**18**). Children:

2. Emma S., b. May 20, 1858; m., Oct., 1885, Willard N. Griffin.

3. Carroll Spalding, b. July 30, 1860. He has a milk route from Bedford to Manchester.

4. Jennie Frances, b. July 25, 1864.

5. Charles Woodbury, b. Oct. 12, 1868.

WHITING FAMILY.

1. SAMUEL WHITING was b., Boston, Lincolnshire, England, Nov. 20, 1597; d., Lynn, Mass., Dec. 11, 1679. His family was of good social standing, his father and two brothers having held the office of mayor of Boston. He received the degree of A. B., 1616, and of A. M., 1620, from Emanuel College, Cambridge University. He soon after took holy orders. He was rector of Lynn Regis from 1623 to 1626, and was obliged to resign his post for non-conformity with the bishops. He was next settled as rector over the parish of Skirbeck, near Boston. Being still annoyed by the authorities of the church for his liberal religious opinions, he came to America, arriving in Boston May 26, 1636. Here he was settled, Nov. 8, 1636, as pastor of the First Ch. at Lynn, Mass., where he remained till his death. He m., 2d (his first marriage is not given), at Boston, Eng., Aug. 6, 1629, Elizabeth St. John, sister of Oliver St. John, Lord Chief Justice of England in the time of Oliver Cromwell. For an account of their lives and for certain genealogical tables, see the Memoir of Rev. Samuel Whiting, D. D., and of his wife, Elizabeth St. John, by William Whiting. They had six children, of whom one was:

2. SAMUEL, who was b., Skirbeck, England, March 25, 1633, and d. Feb. 28, 1712–13. He grad., Harv. Coll., 1653. Having first prepared himself for the ministry, he was settled, in 1658, over the parish in Billerica, Mass., comprising twenty-five families. Billerica was then a frontier settlement, Mr. Whiting being only six years behind the earliest pioneers. For his honorable life, see the History of Billerica by Rev. Henry A. Hazen. He m., Nov. 12, 1656, Dorcas, dau. of Leonard Chester of Wethersfield, Conn. They had eleven children, of whom one:

3. OLIVER, b., Billerica, Nov. 8, 1665; d. Dec. 22, 1736. He was representative, town clerk, selectman and justice of the peace. See Hazen's History. He m., Jan. 22, 1689–90, Anna, dau. of Jonathan Danforth, a leading citizen, by whom he had nine children, one of whom:

4. ELEAZAR, b., Billerica, July 25, 1707; fell dead in the road from paralysis, 1780. He was forced to leave Billerica, by public opinion, for having married the widow of his brother, Benjamin, whose maiden name was Dorothy Crosby. He removed to Pelham, where he was chosen town clerk at the first town meeting, July 21, 1746, sixteen days after the incorporation of the town. He was town clerk two years and selectman two years. He is last mentioned in the records of Pelham under date of 1760. He came to Temple, but, seemingly, later than his son, Oliver, in

whose house he lived. He taught school and was thought to be very learned. Children:

5. Benjamin, b., Pelham, June 17, 1743; d. Jan. 8, 1754.

6. Eleazar, b., Pelham, Aug. 15, 1745.

7. Sarah, b., Pelham, Nov. 18, 1747.

8. Oliver (**10**), called Lieut. Oliver, b., Pelham, April 6, 1750.

9. Nathan (**17**), twin brother of Oliver, b., Pelham, April 6, 1750.

10. OLIVER (**8**), b., Pelham, April 6, 1750; d. Sept. 28, 1829. He removed to Temple and settled on lot No. 5, sixth range, before 1780. He bought, Jan. 27, 1787, eighty-one acres of lot No. 18, tenth range, in the Wilton addition to Temple. He was a farmer, millwright, and land speculator. He m., May 3, 1774, Martha Abbot of Andover. Children:

11. Patty, b., Andover, Mass., July 27, 1775; d. Aug. 9, 1778.

12. Oliver (**23**), b., Temple, Jan. 5, 1778.

13. Nathan Abbot (**30**), b., Temple, April 20, 1787.

14. Benjamin (**35**), b., Temple, April 13, 1789.

15. George (**40**), b. Feb. 16, 1791.

16. David (**44**), b. April 22, 1793.

17. NATHAN (**9**), twin brother of Oliver, b., Pelham, April 6, 1750. He participated in the battles of Bunker Hill and Bennington. He settled in Cornish, thence removed to Thetford, Vt. Children:

18. Elijah, b. 1789; d. July 14, 1850.

19. Dorothy, b., Cornish, March 14, 1795; d. Dec. 3, 1870. She m., April 19, 1825, Ebenezer Killam. She m., 2d, April 29, 1846, Josiah Wheeler.

20. Nathan.

21. A daughter who became a Shaker.

22. A daughter who m. ——— Whipple of Malone, N. Y.

23. OLIVER (**12**), b., Temple, Jan. 5, 1778. He bought, March 28, 1799, of his father, for $1,500, a part of lot No. 18, ninth range, in Wilton, which was the family homestead until sold to Hillsborough Co. for a poor farm. He was a farmer, a leading man and rich for his time. He was selectman for five years. He m., Jan. 2, 1800, Fanny Stiles. See Stiles gen. (**16**). Children:

24. Oliver, b., Wilton, Feb. 22, 1801; d. June 3, 1803.

25. Fanny, b., Wilton, March 17, 1807; d. July 16, 1830. She m., June 5, 1828, Ephraim Whiting Blood.

26. David (**47**), b. Aug. 26, 1810.

27. Martha, b. Aug. 7, 1812; d. May 1, 1813.

28. Hannah, b. June 12, 1814; m., April 1, 1845, Jonathan Bragg.

29. Sarah, b. April 3, 1816; m., Aug. 2, 1841, Jonathan Parkhurst. See Parkhurst gen. (**35**).

30. NATHAN ABBOT (**13**), b. April 20, 1787; d. June 2, 1868. He was a farmer and undertaker of large jobs. In April, 1831, he removed to Cicero, N. Y., where he d. He m., April 2, 1811, Betsey Blood. See Blood gen. (**8**). Children:

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31. Betsey, b. Jan. 24, 1813; d., Cicero, Aug. 8, 1846. She m., Wilton, Nov. 7, 1830, James Chandler. See Chandler gen. (**33**).

32. Nathan, b. Nov. 7, 1814; a farmer and leading citizen. He m., Feb. 16, 1854, Matilda Ball of Cicero, where he lived.

33. Elvira, b. April 6, 1820. Home in Cicero. She m., March 7, 1844, Theodore Young.

34. Oliver (**53**), b., Cicero, May 5, 1832.

35. BENJAMIN (**14**), b., Temple, April 13, 1789; d. Jan. 23, 1856. He lived in Temple on lot No. 18, tenth range, and was a farmer and trader. He m., June 18, 1811, Rebecca Blood. Children:

36. Francis, b. March 5, 1812; d., Wilton, Dec. 9, 1879. He was a farmer and town officer, and lived in Temple most of his life. He m., June 24, 1848, Eliza B. Williams of Temple.

37. George, b. Jan. 31, 1816; a farmer, res. in New Ipswich. He m. Ruth D. Searle.

38. Benjamin Orville, b. Feb. 24, 1821; d. Oct. 19, 1845. He m. Mary Farrar.

39. Rebecca Jane, b. Oct. 6, 1828. She m. Adam R. Searle. She m., 2d, Feb. 9, 1881, John Charles Fremont Wheeler.

40. GEORGE (**15**), b. Feb. 16, 1791; d. Sept. 13, 1822. A store keeper in Boston. He m., 1813, Betsey Searle. Children:

41. Maria A., b. Sept. 15, 1816; d. Nov. 24, 1849. She m. Dwight Boyden.

42. Elizabeth S., b. Dec. 1, 1818. She m. Asahel Clapp.

43. George W., b. Jan. 18, 1821; d. at sea.

44. DAVID (**16**), b. April 22, 1793; d. Feb. 7, 1827. He was a store keeper in Boston. He m., June 1, 1815, Polly Farrar. Children:

45. Caroline, b. Jan. 28, 1818. A teacher in New York City.

46. Mary Jane, b. April 17, 1820; d. Oct. 23, 1860. A teacher in New York City.

47. DAVID (**26**), b. Aug. 26, 1810. The founder of the milk-contracting business between Wilton and Boston. For a sketch of his life see page 275. He m., Oct. 5, 1830, Emma Spalding. See Isaac Spalding gen. (**9**). Children:

48. Frances Emma, b., Temple, Sept. 13, 1831. She m., Oct. 13, 1852, William Hazen Spencer, and res. in Lexington, Mass.

49. Harvey Augustus (**63**), b., Fitchburg, Mass., Oct. 27, 1833.

50. Maria Ann, b., Wilton, March 5, 1837. Home in Louisville, Ky. She m., Aug. 6, 1863, Fayette S. Van Alstine, who d. Oct. 29, 1879.

51. George Oliver (**70**), b., Wilton, March 20, 1841.

52. Elizabeth Mary, b., Wilton, March 10, 1846. Home in Chicago. She m., Oct. 12, 1869, David C. Bradley, who d. Oct. 25, 1886.

53. OLIVER (**34**), b., Cicero, N. Y., May 5, 1832; a farmer; res. in Cicero. He m., Sept. 4, 1855, Cornelia Ball. Children, all born in Cicero:

54. Orville A., b. April 29, 1857; d. Aug. 8, 1864.

55. Alfred D., b. Sept. 9, 1859; d. April 5, 1873.

56. George O. (**74**), b. Sept. 1, 1860.

57. Mertie A., b. March 6, 1863. Home in Euclid, N. Y. She m., Sept. 7, 1882, Woodard Pool.

58. Emogene, b. May 30, 1864; d. March 31, 1872.

59. Kittie, b. Nov. 14, 1866.

60. Clarabel, b. Dec. 8, 1870; m., Feb. 17, 1886, Lake Pierce. She res. in Brewerton, N. Y.

61. Julia, b. Oct. 6, 1873; d. April 7, 1879.

62. Tilla L., b. Feb. 28, 1876; d. March 7, 1877.

63. HARVEY AUGUSTUS (**49**), b., Fitchburg, Mass., Oct. 27, 1833. His home is in Wilton, where he is engaged in the milk, lumber, and grain business, as one of the firm of D. Whiting & Sons, and is a leading citizen. He m., Sept. 20, 1855, Mary E. Kimball. See Kimball gen. (**49**). Children:

64. Isaac Spalding, b., Wilton, Dec. 7, 1858; grad., Harv. Coll., 1882, and studied law.

65. George (**76**), b., Wilton, Feb. 16, 1861.

66. John Kimball, b., Wilton, Jan. 22, 1863, and is engaged in the milk business.

67. Frances, b., Wilton, June 26, 1868.

68. David, b., Wilton, July 7, 1870.

69. Charles Frederic, b., Wilton, July 27, 1875.

70. GEORGE OLIVER (**51**), b., Wilton, March 20, 1841. He res. in Lexington, Mass., and is one of the partners in the firm of D. Whiting & Sons. He m., May 1, 1865, Laura M. Bowers. Children:

71. Emma Spalding, b., Wilton, July 4, 1867.

72. Jessie Bowers, b., Wilton, Jan. 4, 1870.

73. Grace, b., Lexington, Mass., July 13, 1875.

74. GEORGE O. (**56**), b. Sept. 1, 1860. A farmer and res. in Cicero, N. Y. He m., Dec. 7, 1883, Nina Miller. Child:

75. Lurella D., b., Cicero, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1885.

76. GEORGE (**65**), b. Feb. 16, 1861. Home in Wilton, and is engaged in the business of D. Whiting & Sons. He m., Jan. 16, 1883, Mary Isabel Goddard. Child:

77. James Goddard, b., Wilton, Feb. 5, 1884.

WHITNEY FAMILIES.

1. RICHARD WHITNEY res. on lot No. 7, seventh range; was second sergeant in Capt. William Barron's co. in the campaign at Ticonderoga, 1776; served at Saratoga, 1777, and in the expedition to R. I. in 1778. He was last taxed in Wilton in 1795. He m. Sarah ———, who d. Feb. 16, 1773. He m., 2d, Hannah Holt. See Holt gen. (**54**). Children:

2. Richard, b. June 25, 1770.

3. Israel, b. July 4, 1774.

4. Timothy Holt, b. Nov. 21, 1776.

5. Ebenezer, b. July 3, 1778.

6. Abraham, b. Jan. 8, 1780.

7. Isaac, b. Jan. 21, 1782.

8. Jacob, b. Jan. 15, 1784; d. July 9, 1785.
9. Hannah, b. Aug. 15, 1785.
10. Sarah Butterfield, b. Nov. 1, 1787.
11. Solomon, b. Aug. 26, 1790.

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1. CYRUS O. WHITNEY was b., Hartford, Vt., Nov. 17, 1837. He enlisted in the Sixth Regt., Vt. V., and reënlisted as a veteran. He was wounded at four different times. He came to Wilton to res. in 1869, and now lives on what is called the old Watson place. He m., Dec. 16, 1868, Lydia Hannah, dau. of Samuel and Lydia (Putnam) Goldsmith. See Goldsmith gen. (**25**). Children:

2. Henry G., b. April 20, 1870.
3. James E., b. Sept. 18, 1873.
4. Herbert S., b. Aug. 28, 1879.

WILSON FAMILIES.

1. ABIEL WILSON, b., Andover, Mass., 1760; d. July 26, 1824. He served several years in the army of the Revolution. Soon after the close of the war he settled in the south part of Lyndeborough. Soon after his marriage he removed to Wilton to the farm originally occupied by Jacob Putnam in 1739. He was chosen selectman in 1776, and was continued in the office for eighteen years. He also served as town clerk nineteen years. He was several years representative to the Legislature. He held offices in the militia to the rank of colonel. He was appointed justice of the court of sessions for Hillsborough Co., and held the office until his death. He was for many years a justice of the peace, and was much employed in writing deeds and wills, and in settling estates. He m., July 8, 1789, Abigail, dau. of Col. Philip and Hannah Putnam. She d. May 6, 1831, aged 64. See Putnam gen. (**58**). Children:

2. Abiel, b. April 7, 1790, received a lieutenant's commission, and served on the northern frontier in the war of 1812 till its close. He left Wilton in 1817, and died soon after.
3. Putnam (**13**), b. Oct. 9, 1791.
4. James, b. Nov. 24, 1793; d. Aug. 21, 1796.
5. James, b. Dec. 4, 1796. He was a physician and res. many years in Cuba, and d. there. He m., Feb., 1828, Elizabeth P. Wilson, and had one son.
6. Abigail, b. Jan. 8, 1799; d., Wilton, Jan. 4, 1831. She m., April 6, 1819, Timothy B. Abbot, who lived but two or three years after his marriage. They res. in Andover, Mass., and had one son and one dau. Mrs. Abbot returned to Wilton after the death of her husband.
7. Hannah, b. June 10, 1801; m., June, 1823, Ezra Bales. See Bales gen. (**25**).
8. An infant dau. b. April 29, 1803; d. April 30, 1803.
9. An infant dau. b. April 29, 1803; d. May 16, 1803.
10. Joseph (**24**), b. June 3, 1804.

11. John, b. May 19, 1806; d. March 26, 1852. He lived a few years on the homestead with his brother, Joseph, and then bought the farm on which Timothy Dale was the first occupant. He held offices in the militia to the rank of captain. He m., June 5, 1831, Polly, dau. of Oliver and Patty (Holt) Perham, who is still living. See Perham gen. (**5**).

12. Philip, b. Feb. 8, 1809; d. Jan. 31, 1810.

13. PUTNAM (**3**), b. Oct. 9, 1791; d. March 23, 1876. At the second call for troops to defend Portsmouth in the war of 1812, he volunteered and served seven weeks as ensign in Capt. William Gregg's co., Col. John Steele's regt. In 1817 he was promoted to captain, and resigned in 1822. He carried on the mill near his father's for some years. He became intemperate, and in 1826 sold his property in Wilton, and removed to Newport, Me., where, much to his credit, he became a temperate, respected and useful citizen. He m., July 12, 1812, Fanny, dau. of Samuel Hutchinson, who d. Feb. 29, 1874, aged 83 yrs. See Hutchinson gen. (**22**). Children:

14. Abiel, b. Sept. 27, 1812: he is a farmer. He m., April 11, 1838, Sarah D. Ward. They had one son and one dau. The son, a promising young man, was studying medicine, entered the army, and was appointed hospital steward in Washington, D. C., and there deceased.

15. Harriet, b. Dec. 7, 1814; d. Dec., 1861. She m. Jacob Main, a farmer, who d. Oct., 1861. They removed to Chicago, and had three sons and two dau. The sons all entered the Union army, and one d. in the war.

16. Putnam, b., Oct. 26, 1816. He is a farmer and res. in Newport, Me., on the farm which his father bought and settled on in 1826. He m. Meribah Main, and has three sons and three daughters.

17. Philip, b. Sept. 10, 1818. "He favors the religion taught by Christ, love and good will to all men." He was for several years engaged in the lumbering business, and was employed one summer by the government in surveying the boundary line between the state of Maine and New Brunswick under the command of Robert E. Lee, afterwards the general-in-chief of the Confederate forces. He was appointed to various positions on the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, as purchasing agent, sub-contractor and finally as station agent at East Newport, in which capacity he has been employed thirty-three years, with the exception of two years when he was senator to the State Legislature. He m., Jan. 2, 1850, Julia A. Rowe of Newport, Me.

18. George, b. Sept. 26, 1820. He is a hardware dealer and has res. in Brighton, Mass., over twenty years. He m. Ann L. White of Newport, Me. They have one dau.

19. Lydia, b. Aug. 8, 1823; d., Newport, Me., 1841.

20. Fanny, b. Jan. 3, 1826; m. Elbridge Perkins, who lived in Newport, Me., and d. about fifteen years after they were married.

21. Joseph, b., Newport, Me., 1829; d. 1841.

22. Charles, b., Newport, 1831; unm.; an engineer, and res. in Bangor.

23. Hollis, b., Newport, 1833; he is a farmer and res. in Newport. He m. Emma Flagg; they have a son and a daughter.

24. JOSEPH (**10**), b. June 3, 1804; d. 1885. He res. on the homestead until Feb., 1855, when he removed to Brandt, Erie Co., N. Y. While he lived in Wilton he was several times moderator of the town meetings, served three years as selectman, and was also a justice of the peace. He m. Maria Abbot. Children, all born in Wilton:

25. Maria, b. May 24, 1838.

26. Joseph Henry, b. June 3, 1839; deceased.

27. Abiel Augustus, b. Feb. 21, 1841.

28. Albert Bradley, b. March 21, 1842.

29. Charles Carroll, b. July 4, 1843.

30. John Addison, b. March 25, 1845.

31. Marion.

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1. DAVID WILSON, b. Feb. 6, 1779; d. Oct. 16, 1875, aged 96 yrs., 8 mos. and 10 days. He was one of eleven sons of Joshua Wilson of Andover, Mass. When young he came to Lyndeborough to live with his uncle, Abiel Wilson (**1**), of preceding family, and remained with him until he came of age. He then went to Salem, Mass., and while there held the office of captain of militia. In 1813 he returned to Wilton and bought the place now owned by his son, John D. Wilson, where he res. the remainder of his life. He was town treasurer consecutively for ten years after the office was first established. He was a good farmer and an expert horseman. He was much accustomed to "breaking colts," and the last one he broke was in the winter when he was eighty-five years of age. When remonstrated with for attempting it, and warned that if the colt should be ugly he could not be spry enough to manage him, his reply was: "The colt will not be ugly." He was the Wilton Rarey. He m., Salem, Mass., July 2, 1809, Elizabeth Barker, who d. June 4, 1851, aged 67 yrs. Children:

2. David, b. April 23, 1810; d. Nov. 30, 1830. In 1830 he went to work in a brick yard at Castleton, N. Y., and d. there. He was a young man of much promise.

3. Anstice, b. Feb. 3, 1812; m., May 12, 1834, Amos Abbot, and went as a missionary to India. See sketch of Amos Abbot, page 265; also Abbot gen. (**363**).

4. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 6, 1813; m., Sept. 4, 1834, Theron Russell. See Russell gen. (**41**).

5. Mary, b. Nov. 27, 1815; d. July 13, 1844. She m., April 7, 1836, Ezra Buss. See Buss gen. (**40**).

6. John Derby, b. Jan. 23, 1818. He res. on the homestead, and is a farmer and mason. He served two years as selectman, and for many years was leader of the choir in the Unitarian Church at Wilton Centre. He m., Jan. 1, 1849, Susan M. Taylor. They have an adopted daughter.

7. Emily, b. Feb. 27, 1820; d. July 15, 1887; m., April 2, 1845, William Lane. See Lane gen. (**1**).

8. Persis, b. Sept. 3, 1822; d. June 16, 1847; unm.

9. Ezra, b. Feb. 17, 1826; he m., June 28, 1849, Clara Grant, and some years after his marriage left for parts unknown.

WOODMAN FAMILY.

1. ELBRIDGE G. WOODMAN, b., Laconia, May 12, 1814. He came to Wilton in 1844. Soon after the factory of the Wilton Manufacturing Co. was put in operation, he was appointed superintendent, in which office he continued until the factory was burned in 1872. He has been one of the trustees of the Wilton Savings Bank, and a prominent citizen of the place. In 1874 he built the house in which he has since resided. He m., Sept. 3, 1839, Mary A., dau. of Luther and Mary (Kinson) Blanchard, b. June 15, 1817. See Simon Blanchard gen. (**6**).

ABBOT FAMILY.

1. GEORGE ABBOT emigrated, tradition says, from Yorkshire, England, about 1640. He was among the first settlers of Andover, Mass., in 1643–4, his name being the 19th in a list of 23 "names of all the householders in order as they came to town." He was a proprietor, and his house a garrison, so used long after his decease. His farm has descended in the line of his posterity to the eighth generation. His marriage to Mary, or Hannah, Chandler, a daughter of Wm. and Annis Chandler (see page 346), on Dec. 12, 1646, is recorded in Roxbury Church Records in the handwriting of John Eliot, the Indian apostle. He died Dec. 24, 1681, aged 66 yrs. His widow m., 2d, Rev. Francis Dane of Andover, survived him 14 yrs. and died June 11, 1711, aged 82 yrs. George and his wife had thirteen children, but we shall name only those of their children and of their descendants of the third and fourth generations who had posterity resident in Wilton.

2. John (**6**), eldest son, b. March 13, 1648.

3. Benjamin (**554**), eighth child, b. Dec. 20, 1661.

4. Timothy (**593**), ninth child, b. Nov. 17, 1663.

5. Nathaniel (**601**), twelfth child, b. July 15, 1671.

6. JOHN (**2**), b. March 13, 1648; d. March 19, 1721. He lived with his father in the garrison house; was employed in town business; often a selectman; a deputy to the General Court; chosen deacon of the South Parish Church at its organization in 1711. He m., Nov. 17, 1673, Sarah Barker, b. 1647; d. Feb. 8, 1729. Of their nine children one died young; the average age of the rest was 80 yrs., 3 mos.

7. John (**10**), eldest son, b. Nov. 2, 1674.

8. Joseph (**638**), second child, b. Dec. 29, 1676.

9. Stephen (**649**), third child, b. March 16, 1678.

10. JOHN (**7**), b. Nov. 2, 1674; d. Jan. 1, 1754. He settled with his father on the homestead; was selectman; deacon 34 yrs. He m., Jan. 6,

1703, Elizabeth Harndin of Reading, now Wilmington, who d. Aug. 9, 1756. Of 6 children the two following have descendants in Wilton:

11. John (**13**), second son, b. Aug. 3, 1704.

12. Barachias (**660**), third son, b. May 14, 1707.

13. JOHN (**11**), b. Aug. 3, 1704; d. Nov. 10, 1793. He lived with his father on the homestead; capt., 1754, in French and Indian war; selectman. He m., Sept. 28, 1732, Phebe Fiske of Boxford, b. Aug. 4, 1712; d. Dec., 1802. Of seven children three emigrated to Wilton, and became heads of families. John, the eldest son, inherited the ancestral farm and had 3 distinguished sons: John, Harv. Coll., 1784, Prof. in Bowdoin Coll.: Benjamin, Harv. Coll., 1788, 50 yrs. principal of Phillips Exeter Academy; and Abiel, Harv. Coll., 1792, D. D., minister at Haverhill and Beverly.

14. Abiel (**17**), third son, b. April 19, 1741.

15. Jeremiah (**289**), fourth son, b. May 25, 1743.

16. William (**457**), fifth son, b. Jan. 14, 1748.

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17. ABIEL (**14**), son of John (**13**), b. April 19, 1741; d. Aug. 19, 1809. He was 5 yrs. a cooper in Andover. In 1764 he settled in Wilton on lot 1, range 3; on an acre previously cleared he in that year built a two-story house and a barn. He married in Andover, Nov. 20, and moved into the new house before its doors were hung. He was town treasurer in 1765; town clerk, 11 yrs.; selectman, 11 yrs.; representative; on the Committee of Safety and numerous other committees; employed in town business every year more or less for 40 yrs.; capt., 1769; 2d major, 1776; 1st major, 1781; assistant assessor, 1798; a justice of the peace, 15 years; a deacon of the church, 16 yrs.; a guardian of orphans and helpful to the poor and needy. On the advance of Gen. Burgoyne in 1777, among thousands of volunteers for the defence of Ticonderoga, "two companies, under the command of Maj. Abiel Abbot of Wilton, marched June 30 for the threatened fortress." See Hist. of Amherst, N. H., page 385. He m., Andover, Mass., Nov. 20, 1764, Dorcas, dau. of Benj. and Elizabeth (Abbot) Abbot. She was b. Aug. 1, 1744; d. Feb. 23, 1829. Children:

18. Abiel (**30**), b. Dec. 14, 1765.

19. Jacob (**41**), b. Jan. 7, 1768.

20. Benjamin (**150**), b. March 17, 1770.

21. Ezra (**215**), b. Feb. 8, 1772.

22. Dorcas, b. Jan. 30, 1774; d. July 16, 1847; m. Eliphalet Putnam. See Putnam gen. (**127**).

23. A son, b. and d. April 20, 1776.

24. Samuel, b. June 11, 1777; d. Jan. 10, 1782.

25. Abigail, b. July 13, 1779; d. June 5, 1812; m. Jonathan Livermore. See Livermore gen. (**16**).

26. Persis, b. Dec. 25, 1781; d. Nov. 13, 1859; m. Henry Lovejoy. See Lovejoy gen. (**37**).

27. Rhoda, b. March 17, 1784; d. March 19, 1853; m. Ephraim Peabody. See Peabody gen. (**15**).

28. Samuel, b. March 30, 1786; d. Jan. 2, 1839. Harv. Coll., 1808. For account of his life see page 261, and for his connection with the manufacture of starch see page 163. He was an early mover for the Wilton centennial celebration, and his loss before it occurred was deeply lamented on that occasion.

29. Phebe, b. June 25, 1788; d. Nov. 25, 1825; m. Ezra Abbot (**513**).

30. Abiel Abbot (**18**), b. Dec. 14, 1765; d. Jan. 31, 1859. Harv. Coll., 1787; D. D., 1838. For account of his life see page 269. He m., May 19, 1796, Elizabeth Abbot of Andover, dau. of his uncle, Capt. John, and Abigail (Abbot) Abbot. She was b. Aug. 2, 1766; d. April 6, 1853. Children:

31. Elizabeth, b. May 22, 1798; d. Oct. 12, 1823; m., Oct., 1822, Rev. John Abbot Douglass of Waterford, Me.; n. ch.

32. Abigail, b. Oct. 17, 1799; d., Arlington, Mass., March 30, 1881.

33. Sarah Dorcas (**34**), b. June 22, 1801.

34. Sarah Dorcas (**33**), b. June 22, 1801; d. June 11, 1831; m., 1828, Samuel G. Smith, a cotton manufacturer of Peterborough, Warren, Md., and So. Berwick, Me., who d. Sept. 9, 1842, aged 43 yrs. Child:

35. Samuel Abbot (Smith) (**36**), b. April 18, 1829.

36. Samuel Abbot (Smith) (**35**), b. April 18, 1829; d. May 20, 1865. Harv. Coll., 1849; ordained, June 27, 1854, minister at Arlington, Mass.; died at Arlington of a malarious fever contracted at Norfolk, Va., in missionary service to the army. He m., June 27, 1854, Maria Edes of Peterborough. Children:

37. Abbot Edes (Smith), b. Sept. 20, 1855; Harv. Coll., 1877.

38. Maria Ellen (Smith), b. Feb. 13, 1857.

39. George A. (Smith), b. Oct. 15, 1861; a chemist.

40. Samuel H. (Smith), b. April 5, 1864; at the West.

41. Jacob Abbot (**19**), b. Jan. 7, 1768; d. Nov. 2, 1834. For account of his life see page 270. After his resignation at Hampton Falls in 1826 he bought a farm in Windham, where he spent the rest of his life. He m., Feb. 11, 1802, Catharine, dau. of Rev. Ebenezer Thayer of Hampton. She d. Jan. 27, 1843, aged 63 yrs. Children:

42. Sarah White (**53**), b. Nov. 11, 1802.

43. Ebenezer T. (**59**), b. May 27, 1804.

44. Martha Thayer (**67**), b. March 29, 1806.

45. Catharine (**86**), b. March 18, 1808.

46. Elizabeth Dorcas, b. March 24, 1810; d. Sept. 13, 1879; m. Rev. A. A. Livermore. See Livermore gen. (**18**).

47. George Jacob (**108**), b. July 14, 1812.

48. Abigail (**123**), b. Sept. 29, 1814.

49. Phebe, b. and d. 1816.

50. Mary Ann Toppan (**129**), b. Dec. 2, 1817.

51. Lucy Eliot (**132**), b. May 22, 1820.

52. Charles Eliot (**145**), b. Nov. 5, 1822.

53. Sarah White (**42**), b. Nov. 11, 1802; d., Washington, D. C., July 18, 1879. She m., Oct. 25, 1830, Robert Moore of Nashua, who was

Abiel Abbot

HELIOTYPE PRINTING CO. BOSTON.

b., Amherst, Nov. 16, 1798, and d., Nashua, Feb. 8, 1872. Children, all born in Nashua:

54. Catharine Eliot (Moore), b. Oct. 4, 1831; d., Peterborough, June 9, 1848.

55. Sarah Helen (Moore), b. Jan. 30, 1834; m., April 23, 1855, Joseph Wall, who was b., London, Eng., Nov., 1815, and d. Sept. 4, 1879. She res. in Boston, Mass.; has had four children: Alba Elizabeth, who was b. April 7, 1857, and m., Dec. 11, 1882, John C. Welwood, assistant minister of Christ Ch., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Anna Theodora, b., July 19, 1860; Amory Abbot, b. Feb. 5, 1862, and d. Aug. 14, 1877; William Livermore, b. July 17, 1866.

56. Lucy Ella (Moore), b. March 1, 1836; m., April 18, 1883, Martin Van Buren Wisker, who was b., New York City, Dec. 27, 1836; res., Osceola, St. Clair Co., Mo.

57. George Henry (Moore), b. Feb. 18, 1839; m., May, 1867, Elizabeth Heydon, who was b. 1843, and d. July, 1874. Res. New York City.

58. Jacob Abbot (Moore), b. April 18, 1845; d., Washington, D. C., Oct. 15, 1868.

59. EBENEZER T. (**43**), b. May 27, 1804; d. March 2, 1853. Res. on the home farm in Windham; energetic business man, successful farmer and good citizen. He m., Feb. 1, 1838, Elizabeth Nesmith, who d. Dec., 1846; m., 2d, Aug. 29, 1849, Betsey Dow, who d. Dec. 27, 1854. Children, two by first wife, one by second wife:

60. Margaret Elizabeth (**63**), b. Sept. 9, 1840.

61. Katharine Thayer, b., Windham, Dec. 17, 1846; m , Nov. 13, 1867, Rev. Edward W. Hathaway of Princeton, Ill., who d. May 9, 1869. She m., 2d, Dec. 22, 1880, Rev. George A. Thayer of South Boston, Mass., now pastor of the Unitarian Society in Cincinnati, Ohio. Two children: Abbot Augustine (Thayer), b. July 8, 1882, and Gordon Woods (Thayer), b. April 5, 1887.

62. Jacob, b. June 17, 1850; d. Sept. 20, 1857.

63. MARGARET ELIZABETH (**60**), b. Sept. 9, 1840; m., Dec. 13, 1860, Charles Putnam, son of Rev. Dr. Putnam of Roxbury, Mass. Res. Lexington, Mass. Children:

64. Lucy Abbot (Putnam), b. Sept. 30, 1866.

65. George (Putnam), b. April 18, 1869.

66. Anna (Putnam), b. July 30, 1872.

67. MARTHA THAYER (**44**), b. March 29, 1806; m., June 2, 1827, Nehemiah Porter Cram of Monmouth, Me., and Hampton Falls, N. H., who was b. Aug. 3, 1799, and d. Nov. 11, 1879. Children:

68. Catharine Abbot (Cram) (**73**), b., Monmouth, June 25, 1828.

69. Sarah Thayer (Cram), b., Monmouth, Jan. 3, 1833; d., Hampton Falls, July 26, 1856.

70. Jacob Abbot (Cram), b., Hampton Falls, April, 1836; Harv. Coll., 1859; d., Chicago, Ill., April 6, 1872.

71. Frank Porter (Cram) (**79**), b., Hampton Falls, June 5, 1843.

72. Elizabeth Abbot Livermore (Cram), b. Jan. 21, 1847; d. Feb. 17, 1879.

73. CATHARINE ABBOT (CRAM) (**68**), b. June 25, 1828; m., Oct. 14, 1857, Samuel H. Folsom, who grad. Dart. Coll., 1851; a lawyer; assist. register of probate. Res. Winchester, Mass. Children:

74. Anna Abbot (Folsom), b. Oct. 29, 1861.

75. Sarah Thayer (Folsom), b. Nov. 9, 1864; d. Feb. 3, 1869.

76. Fritz Porter (Folsom), b. June 29, 1866; d. Aug. 11, 1867.

77. Martha Thayer (Folsom), b. March 31, 1870.

78. Catharine Elizabeth (Folsom), b. Nov. 11, 1871.

79. FRANK PORTER (CRAM) (**71**), b. June 5, 1843; m., Jan. 15, 1871, Helen B. Tilton. Children:

80. Edward Tilton (Cram), b. Nov. 8, 1871.

81. George Porter (Cram), b. Oct. 17, 1874; d. Dec. 25, 1874.

82. Henry Porter (Cram), b. Nov. 11, 1875; d. Feb. 20, 1878.

83. Charles Abbot (Cram), b. April 18, 1879.

84. Robert Livermore (Cram), b. Feb. 17, 1881.

85. Florence Belknap (Cram), b. June 22, 1883.

86. CATHARINE (**45**), b. March 18, 1808; m., July 18, 1833, Hon. John Wm. Pitt Abbot of Westford, Mass.; Harv. Coll., 1827; Pres. of Stony Brook R. R.; state senator, 1866. He d. Aug. 16, 1872. Children:

87. John William (**94**), b. April 14, 1834.

88. Julian Thayer, b. Jan. 20, 1836; d. March 10, 1836.

89. Julian, b. May 25, 1837; killed by accident on Boston & Lowell R. R., Dec. 30, 1857.

90. Sophia Elizabeth, b. Dec. 6, 1841; d. Aug. 15, 1843.

91. Son, b. and d. Jan. 2, 1844.

92. George (**101**), b. Feb. 17, 1845.

93. Abiel Jacob (**104**), b. Jan. 8, 1850.

94. JOHN WILLIAM (**87**), b. April 14, 1834; manufacturer in Westford; m., Oct. 21, 1857, Elizabeth R. Southwick of Boston. Children:

95. Catharine (**99**), b. March 28, 1861.

96. Emma S., b. July 17, 1863; m., June 5, 1888, Julian A. Kebler.

97. Lucy K., b. March 26, 1870.

98. John C., b. Feb. 25, 1872.

99. CATHARINE (**95**), b. March 28, 1861; m., Sept. 15, 1881, Abbot L. Kebler of Cincinnati, who d. Feb. 15, 1888. Child:

100. Catharine (Kebler), b., Cincinnati, June 22, 1885.

101. GEORGE (**92**), b. Feb. 17, 1845; Harv. Coll., 1864; res. in San Francisco, Cal., and Cambridge, Mass.; m., Feb. 23, 1875, Elizabeth T. Daveis of Portland, Me. Children, b. in San Francisco:

102. Ethel Daveis, b. Oct. 18, 1876.

103. Gertrude Elizabeth, b. Aug. 9, 1881.

104. ABIEL JACOB (**93**), b. Jan. 8, 1850; manufacturer at Westford, Mass.; m., April 22, 1880, Mary Alice Mosely of Newburyport. Children:

105. Edward Mosely, b. Jan. 31, 1882.

106. John Mosely, b. April 27, 1884.

107. Alice Carnzu, b. April 4, 1886.

108. GEORGE JACOB (**47**), b. July 14, 1812; d. Jan. 21, 1879. Harv.

Coll., 1835. Opened and taught several years a school for boys in Washington, D. C.; private secretary of Daniel Webster when he was sec'y of state; connected with consular bureau at Washington; six years U. S. Consul at Sheffield, Eng.; a professor several years in the Theological School at Meadville, Penn.; U. S. Consul at Goderich, Canada, where he died. He m., Aug. 30, 1841, Anna T. G. Emery of Portland, Me., who was b. May 15, 1815, and d. Jan. 31, 1861. Children:

109. Mary J. C. (**114**), b., Washington, Dec. 30, 1842.

110. Anne Theresa (**120**), b., Washington, Aug. 15, 1846.

111. Julia Webster, b., Washington, July 1, 1848; m., Portland, Me., June 23, 1884, Edgar H. Nichols of Saco, Me. Reside in Cambridge, Mass.

112. Elizabeth Gilman, b. Feb. 7, 1852; d. Nov., 1852.

113. Charlotte Emery, b. Oct. 20, 1853; d. Oct. 20, 1883.

114. Mary J. C. (**109**), b. Dec. 30, 1842; m., April 8, 1868, Everett S. Throop; brevet major, Sixth Regt., Ohio V.; lawyer in Cincinnati; he d. Oct. 30, 1881. She has a school for young ladies at Worcester, Mass. Children:

115. Anne Abbot (Throop), b. Oct. 17, 1869.

116. Lucy Abbot (Throop), b. June 10, 1871.

117. Mary Susan Everett (Throop), b. Dec. 12, 1872.

118. George William (Throop), b. Nov. 9, 1875.

119. Everett Abbot (Throop), b. Aug. 23, 1878.

120. Anne Theresa (**110**), b. Aug. 15, 1846; m., Portland, Me., Feb. 21, 1877, Robert Swain Morison, who grad., Harv. Coll., 1869; Divinity School, 1872; at one time pastor of the Unitarian Ch. in Meadville, Penn. Children:

121. Ruth (Morison), b., Meadville, Pa., Nov. 24, 1877.

122. George Abbot (Morison), b., Peterborough, N. H., Aug. 5, 1879.

123. Abigail (**48**), b. Sept. 29, 1814; m., March 11, 1835, Rev. Horatio Wood, who grad., Harv. Coll., 1827; was minister at Walpole, N. H., Tyngsborough, Mass., and, from 1844 to 1869, minister at large in Lowell, Mass., where they now reside. Children:

124. Horatio (Wood), b., Walpole, Oct. 23, 1835; Harv. Coll., 1857; carried on a private school for girls in Cincinnati, O., for some years; now lives in Lowell.

125. Son, b., Walpole, May 12, 1837; d. in infancy.

126. Abby Elizabeth (Wood), b., Tyngsborough, April 8, 1840; d. May 14, 1840.

127. Ella (Wood), b., Lowell, Sept. 3, 1848; m., Aug. 31, 1871, N. W. Appleton of Lowell; d. Oct. 21, 1875.

128. Grace Abbot (Wood), b. Oct. 6, 1852; teacher of music, Lowell.

129. Mary Ann Toppan (**50**), b. Dec. 2, 1817; d. Aug. 9, 1856. She m., as 2d wife, Feb. 22, 1844, James Walker, an eminent lawyer of Peterborough, who was b. March 10, 1784, and d. Dec. 31, 1854. Children:

130. Edith Abbot (Walker), b. Dec. 31, 1846; d. Sept. 2, 1848.

131. Martha Cotton (Walker), b. May 8, 1849; res. Lowell, Mass.

132. Lucy Eliot (**51**), b. May 22, 1820; m., Lowell, Aug. 19, 1846,

John Kebler, who was born at Sulz-on-the-Neckar, Germany, Feb. 1. 1819; Harv. Coll., 1839; prominent lawyer in Cincinnati, O.; d. April 4, 1885. Children:

133. George Putnam (Kebler), b. Feb. 4, 1848.

134. John Eliot (Kebler), b. Dec. 15, 1849; d. May 13, 1851.

135. Frederic (Kebler), b. March 23, 1852; Harv. Coll., 1873; physician in Cincinnati, O.

136. Charles Abbot (Kebler) (**142**), b. July 7, 1854.

137. Abbot Livermore (Kebler), b. Oct. 12, 1856; d. Feb. 15, 1888. A manufacturer. For marriage, see Catharine (**99**).

138. Julian Abbot (Kebler), b. Nov. 4, 1858; civil engineer; m., June 5, 1888, Emma S. Abbot (**96**).

139. Eliot Abbot (Kebler), b. May 31, 1861.

140. Lucius (Kebler), b. and d. June 23, 1863.

141. John Thayer (Kebler), b. Aug. 19, 1865.

142. Charles Abbot (Kebler) (**136**), b. July 7, 1854; d. Nov. 23, 1887. A lawyer in Cincinnati. He m., Nov. 1, 1877, Florence R. Leonard, who d. March 24, 1887. Children:

143. John Leonard (Kebler), b. Sept. 29, 1879.

144. Leonard (Kebler), b. Sept. 26, 1883.

145. Charles Eliot (**52**), b. Nov. 5, 1822. He received an academic education; was employed, 1845–6, on the N. E. Boundary Survey; owned a store in Tyngsborough, Mass.; sold out in 1848, and in June, 1849, arrived in San Francisco. In different pursuits he acquired some wealth, which fire and flood swept away in 1853. He removed to Eldorado Co.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1857 and practised. In 1869 he removed to Nevada; was judge of a local court, 1876–9; has since practised law and operated mines. He m., May 15, 1867, Susan F. Osborn of San Francisco, who was b. Sept. 4, 1839, and d. at San Francisco in 1877. Children:

146. Charles Eliot, b., San Francisco, Feb. 7, 1868; drowned while bathing, July 11, 1886.

147. Homer Osborn, b., Elko Co., Nevada, July 2, 1871.

148. Lucy Catharine, b., Elko Co., Nevada, Aug. 9, 1873.

149. Son, b. and d. Oct. 5, 1875.

150. Benjamin (**20**), b. March 17, 1770; d. Sept. 10, 1823. A farmer. Settled, 1792, in Greenfield, N. H.; removed, 1798, to Wilton, and in Feb., 1803, to Temple, Me. He was an early settler there, only one framed house being then in the town. He cleared and made a good farm from the forest; was prosperous; reared and educated well a large family; was a justice of the peace; a well-informed man, noted for love of truth and justice, uprightness in his dealings, skill and sound judgment in managing private and public affairs, and a benevolent regard for the welfare of all around him; not ambitious for office or distinction, yet efficient in promoting the good order and prosperity of the town. He was greatly respected, and in deference to his character was often and worthily called the patriarch. He m., Jan. 17, 1793, Phebe Abbot (**622**), dau. of Hon. Jacob Abbot of Wilton, N. H. She was b. June 25, 1774, and d. 1857.

Three of his children were born in Greenfield, 3 in Wilton and 8 in Temple. Children:

151. Phebe (**165**), b. March 25, 1794.

152. Hannah (**170**), b. July 6, 1795.

153. Dorcas (**178**), b. Feb. 25, 1797.

154. Salva (**196**), b. Nov. 12, 1798.

155. Benjamin (**198**), b. Aug. 10, 1800.

156. Lucy, b. May 6, 1802; m., 2d wife, 1824, Rev. John A. Douglass of Waterford, Me.; nine children, five not living; one is Dr. John A. Douglass of Amesbury Mills, Mass.; a daughter is Harriet E. Douglass, preceptress several years of a Home School for Girls at Waterford.

157. Son, b. and d. April 19, 1804.

158. Lydia (**205**), b. Feb. 19, 1805.

159. John S., b. Jan. 6, 1807. Bowd. Coll., 1827; lawyer in Norridgewock, Me., Thomaston, Me., and Boston, Mass.; m., 1835, Elizabeth Allen.

160. Rhoda, b. Sept. 26, 1808; d. March 29, 1809.

161. Abiel, b. Dec. 28, 1809. After farming several years a long illness impaired his constitution, and he read law with his brother John at Thomaston; opened an office in Boston, where his brother, John, afterwards joined him; was an early treas. of the Northern Pacific R. R. Residence at Watertown, Mass., where he d. March 21, 1884, leaving a wife and children.

162. M. George, b. Feb. 22, 1813; lawyer at Thomaston, Me.; m., 1837, Melina Alden; d. Aug., 1850.

163. Abigail (**210**), b. June 30, 1815.

164. Ezra, b. Sept. 18, 1817; Bowd. Coll.; a lawyer, Richmond, Me.; died.

165. Phebe (**151**), b. March 25, 1794; d. March 6, 1843; m., 1813, John Barker, M. D., of Wilton, Me. Children:

166. John Abbot (Barker), b. Sept. 16, 1814; d. May 22, 1817.

167. Benjamin Fordyce (Barker), b. May 2, 1818; Bowd. Coll., 1836; M. D.; settled in Norwich, Conn.; moved to New York City; an eminent physician; m. Eliza Dwight.

168. Phebe Florella (Barker), b. March 7, 1820; m., in North Carolina, Chas. Clark.

169. Emily A. (Barker), b. May 10, 1824; m. A. Robertson, M. D., Manchester, N. H.

170. Hannah (**152**), b. July 6, 1795; m., 1820, Rev. Enos Merrill of Freeport, Me. Children:

171. Benjamin H. (Merrill), b. July 16, 1822.

172. Enos A. (Merrill), b. April 20, 1824; d. Feb., 1843.

173. Edward T. (Merrill), b. July 15, 1826.

174. Hannah M. (Merrill), b. April 3, 1828.

175. Israel W. (Merrill), b. Dec. 16, 1830.

176. George D. (Merrill), b. Aug. 8, 1833.

177. John S. (Merrill), b. June 29, 1836; d. Sept. 20, 1840.

178. DORCAS (**153**), b. Feb. 25, 1797; m., Dec. 30, 1817, LaFayette Perkins, M. D., who was b. March 26, 1786, at Castle William (Fort Independence) in Boston Harbor, and was son of the commander, Col. Wm. Perkins; obtained his medical education at Harvard Med. School and in Paris; settled, 1815, at Weld, Me., removing, 1836, to Farmington, Me., and d. May 9, 1874. Children:

179. Charles James (Perkins), b. Oct. 19, 1818; d. Feb. 12, 1843. Bowd. Coll., 1839; attended medical lectures at Brunswick, Me., and at Philadelphia; practised dentistry at Upperville, Va., and d. there.

180. John Warren (Perkins) (**185**), b. March 17, 1820.

181. Emeline Weld (Perkins), b. Feb. 24, 1822; d. Nov. 22, 1858. A pupil of the Spingler Institute, N. Y.; teacher at Farmington, Me.

182. Benjamin Abbot (Perkins) (**189**), b. Oct. 20, 1823.

183. George Augustus (Perkins) (**192**), b. June 24, 1827.

184. Samuel Edward (Perkins), b. Nov. 7, 1830; druggist at Bangor, Me.; m., Nov. 22, 1855, Alice T. Kendrick of that city; has res. for several years past at Farmington, Me.

185. JOHN WARREN (PERKINS) (**180**), b. March 17, 1820; druggist, Farmington, Me., and Portland, Me.; m., June 17, 1845, Margaret M. Hunter, who d. May 12, 1860. Four ch. d. in infancy; 1 son living. He m., 2d, Oct. 29, 1861. Eliza Bellows. Children:

186. Edward Warren (Perkins), b. Aug. 27, 1850; has been in mining, mill and cattle business at the West.

187. Mary Bellows (Perkins), b. May 14, 1863.

188. Maud Emeline (Perkins).

189. BENJAMIN ABBOT (PERKINS) (**182**), b. Oct. 20, 1823; druggist, Bangor, Me., New York City, and at Portland, Me., with his brother, J. W. Perkins; m., May 9, 1849, Augusta Bellows, who d. May 31, 1850; m., 2d, Sept. 5, 1860, Sarah W. Beals of Portland. Children:

190. Charles James (Perkins), b. April 1, 1850; in a drug store in Chicago.

191. Willis Fayette (Perkins), b. Jan. 23, 1862.

192. GEORGE AUGUSTUS (PERKINS) (**183**), b. June 24, 1827. Bowd. Coll., 1849; Bangor Theol. Sem., 1853; ordained missionary of A. B. C. F. M., May 25, 1854; went to Turkey; returned 1859; taught Hebrew one yr. at Bangor; studied at New Haven; Prof. of Nat. Sciences in Robert College, Constantinople, 1863–65; returned to America, owing to ill health; for five yrs. principal of a Family School for Boys at Gorham, Me.; for 11 yrs. acting pastor of different churches. Since Jan. 1, 1884, settled at Harvard, Mass. He m., July 17, 1854, Sarah E. Farrington. Children:

193. William Abbott (Perkins), b. Nov. 26, 1861; Bowd. Coll., 1883; teacher of mathematics in High School, Bath, Me.

194. Herbert Farrington (Perkins), b. Oct. 18, 1864. Yale Coll.

195. Carroll Augustus, b. Nov. 17, 1870.

196. SALVA (**154**), b. Nov. 12, 1798; d. 1867; m., 2d wife, 1827, Rev. Charles Freeman of Limerick, Me., who d. Oct., 1853. Child:

197. Samuel (Freeman), b. March 17, 1830; Bowd. Coll., 1854; druggist, Chelsea, Mass.

198. Benjamin (**155**), b. Aug. 10, 1800; d. in 1861; a justice of the peace in Temple, Me.; moved to Farmington, and later to East Douglass, Mass., where he died. He m., 1823, Mary C. Blanchard. Children:

199. Benjamin, b. March 9, 1825; d. Oct. 24, 1826.

200. Mary A., b. Aug. 11, 1827.

201. John, b. May 31, 1830.

202. William, b. Nov. 25, 1834.

203. George, b. July 24, 1837.

204. Phebe E., b. July 2, 1842.

205. Lydia (**158**), b. Feb. 19, 1805; d. Dec. 26, 1883; m., 1828, John Titcomb, Esq., of Farmington, Me. Children:

206. Elizabeth (Titcomb), b. Nov. 28, 1828.

207. Mary (Titcomb), b. Dec. 9, 1830.

208. John Abbot (Titcomb), b. Oct. 30, 1832.

209. Charles (Titcomb), b. Oct. 22, 1835.

210. Abigail (**163**), b. June 30, 1815; m., 1835, Hannibal Hamlin of Union, Me., and Boston, Mass. Children:

211. Abby F. (Hamlin), b. Oct. 22, 1837; m. Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D.

212. Ellen M. (Hamlin), b. April 26, 1839; d. March 12, 1844.

213. Hannibal (Hamlin), b. Sept. 26, 1841.

214. Cyrus (Hamlin), b. Dec. 24, 1843.

215. Ezra (**21**), b. Feb. 8, 1772; d. April 3, 1847. A farmer on the homestead. In the spring of 1812, as appears, he began the manufacture of potato starch in a small mill erected by him the fall before. See article on starch manufacture, page 163. He was a captain of the South co. of militia; a selectman; employed in the settlement of estates, and as guardian of minors; a deacon of the church for twenty-five years; presiding officer at the centennial celebration in 1839; a man of strict integrity, respected for his love of justice, probity of character, benevolence, and liberality in support of schools, libraries, and other institutions, religious and beneficent. He m., Oct. 6, 1799, Rebekah Hale, b. Jan. 9, 1781, dau. of Lieut. Jos. Hale of Coventry, Conn., and niece of Capt. Nathan Hale. She d. May 5, 1860. Children:

216. Rebecca (**229**), b. July 16, 1800.

217. Son, b. and d. Sept. 13, 1801.

218. Joseph Hale (**232**), b. Sept. 25, 1802.

219. Dorcas, b. Jan. 24, 1804; m., Sept. 21, 1825, Ebenezer Bishop of Lisbon, Ct. A farmer, previously a teacher in Richmond, Va. He was b. in 1798, and d. Jan. 6, 1827. Mrs. Bishop returned to Wilton in May; taught school with much acceptance several seasons in District No. 5 in Wilton; also taught in Mason and Milford. In Nov., 1832, entered Miss Grant's school at Ipswich, Mass.; returned to Wilton sick about Oct. 1, and d. Nov. 2, 1833.

220. Ezra (**266**), b. Nov. 27, 1805.

221. Abiel, b. May 11, 1808; studied for college at Chelmsford and at Exeter; grad., Bowd. Coll., 1831; res. at Wilton, 1832; at Exeter and

teacher at Beverly, Mass., 1833–4; 1834–7, at Cambridge; 1837–8, teacher at Northborough, Mass.; 1838–41, mostly at Wilton, variously employed; Jan., 1842, to June, 1846, teacher in Virginia; 1846–52, starch manufacturer, etc., at Wilton; 1854–5, teacher at Rocky Hill, Conn.; 1856–76, mostly at Wilton, in various pursuits; Dec., 1876, to June, 1882, in Minnesota, mostly at Owatonna, variously employed; has since resided in Wilton; a justice of the peace fifteen years; representative to the Legislature; employed as a surveyor of land, etc.

222. Emily, b. Aug. 16, 1810; attended school at Keene, Adams Female Academy at Derry, and at Ipswich, Mass.; taught in Mason, 1832, and in Beverly, Mass., 1833; d. of consumption at Wilton, June 10, 1835.

223. Harris (**278**), b. Sept. 19, 1812; d. March 20, 1884.

224. Harriet, b. June 19, 1814; d. July 16, 1886; educated at Windham, and Adams Female Academy, Derry; m., Jan. 5, 1837, Hermon Abbot (**400**).

225. Nelson (**283**), b. Nov. 17, 1816.

226. Abby Anne, b. Dec. 13, 1818; attended N. Ipswich Academy; teacher in Wilton, Peterborough and Franklin, N. H.; m., May 1, 1845, Rev. Lubim Burton Rockwood. See Rockwood gen. (**45**).

227. Sarah Jane, b. May 15, 1821; attended academies at N. Ipswich, Leicester, Mass., and Abbot Female Academy at Andover, Mass.; resided much with friends at a distance: d. of consumption at Wilton, Jan. 18, 1857.

228. John Hale, b. Sept. 2, 1825. He was educated at N. Ipswich, Leicester, Mass., and Andover, Mass.; at home a few years, teaching in winter; 1847–8, employed on surveys for Vt. Central R. R.; 1848–52, at home and teaching; 1853–4, civil engineer on R. R. surveys in the oil region of Penn. In May, 1855, he joined his brother Ezra at Batavia, Ill., and after a six weeks' tour of observation in Minnesota, they and two others laid out a "town site," each owning a fourth part, and named it Owatonna. This has since been his headquarters. He gave much time and effort to promote, by legislation and otherwise, its growth, and to obtain for it post office, railroad and other facilities. It was made a county seat, in time a city, and became the intersection of two railroads. One of these roads he was employed as engineer to survey, locate, and partly construct when the panic of 1857 suspended work upon it. He and others laid out a new town in the next county, naming it Wilton. He engaged more or less in farming and in raising horses; built a mill for making amber cane syrup, he and others raising the cane; was for many years city and county surveyor. At present he is engaged on a line from Duluth, via Red Wing and Owatonna, to Iowa; unm.

229. Rebecca (**216**), b. July 16, 1800; d. April 5, 1882. She taught school 5 or 6 seasons in town; spent several winters with friends at a distance; m., 2d wife, Rev. Isaac Knight, pastor of Cong. Ch., Franklin, N. H., who was b. Dec. 29, 1797, and grad., Bowd. Coll., 1829. In Jan., 1849, they removed to Fisherville, N. H., where he d. July 24, 1850. Mrs. Knight removed to Wilton, Nov., 1851. Children:

230. Isaac Abbot (Knight), b. March 20, 1842; d. Dec. 9, 1843.

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231. Emily Maria (Knight), b. March 3, 1845; d. Oct. 5, 1864.

232. JOSEPH HALE (**218**), b. Sept. 25, 1802; d. April 7, 1873; Bowd. Coll., 1822. See page 293 for sketch of his life. He m., May 13, 1830, Fanny Larcom of Beverly, Mass. She was b. June 14, 1807, and d. June 26, 1883. Children:

233. Henry Larcom (**240**), b. Aug. 13, 1831.

234. Edwin Hale (**248**), b. Jan. 26, 1834.

235. Francis Ellingwood (**251**), b. Nov. 6, 1836.

236. Emily Frances (**259**), b. April 1, 1839.

237. Edward Stanley, b. Oct. 22, 1841; entered Harv. Coll., 1860; left college Dec., 1861; enlisted, July, 1862, in 17th Regt. of Infantry, U. S. A.; was at Chancellorsville and at Gettysburg, where he was shot, July 2, on Little Round Top, and d. July 8, 1863; first lieut. and brevet captain.

238. Son, b. Sept. 3 and d. Sept. 4, 1844.

239. William Fitzhale (**262**), b. April 27, 1853.

240. HENRY LARCOM (**233**), b. Aug. 13, 1831; grad., West Point, 1854; employed on governmental surveys for Pacific railroads till 1857; on survey of the delta of Mississippi River till called by the war to service in the field; slightly wounded at Bull Run, July 21, 1861; in Peninsular campaign, spring of 1862; in Banks's Red River expedition, winter of 1862–3; col. of First Conn. Heavy Artillery from Jan., 1863, till close of war; in command of the siege artillery under Grant the last year of the war; on Fort Fisher expedition, Jan., 1865; brevet maj. gen., U. S. V., and brevet brig. gen., U. S. A., March 13, 1865; 1865–68, at the Engineer Post at Willet's Point in New York Harbor; and 1868–86, in command of the Post; now stationed in New York City as resident member of the Army Board. Col. of Engineers, U. S. A.; member of Am. Acad. of Arts and Sciences; of National Acad. of Sciences and other scientific societies, American and foreign; LL. D., Harv. Coll., 1886. He m., April 2, 1856, Mary Susan Everett of Cambridge, who was b. April 15, 1832, and d. March 13, 1871. Children:

241. Frederic Vaughan (**245**), b. March 4, 1858.

242. Marion Stanley, b. Jan. 19, 1864.

243. Elinor Everett, b. Oct. 10, 1867.

244. Henry Ellingwood, b. Feb. 23, 1871; d. at Wilton, N. H., July 25, 1881.

245. FREDERIC VAUGHAN (**241**), b. March 4, 1858; grad., West Point, 1879; stationed at Willet's Point, N. Y. Harbor; at Charleston, S. C.; 1st Lieut. of Engineers, U. S. A. He m., Oct. 15, 1885, Sara Julie Dehon of Charleston, S. C. Children:

246. Marion Beatrice, b. Dec. 8, 1886.

247. Elinor Russell, b. Dec. 8, 1886.

248. EDWIN HALE (**234**), b. Jan. 26, 1834; Harv. Coll., 1855; teacher in a private school in Boston, 1855–57; tutor in Harv. Coll., 1857–61; LL. B., Harvard Law School, 1861; practised law in Boston till 1875; since then has had an office in Milwaukee, Wis., and now also in New York City; engaged in railroad litigation; trustee of Wisconsin Central

R. R. in possession. He m., Nov. 17, 1859, Mary Carter of Newtonville, who was b. Nov. 26, 1836, and d. Feb. 11, 1860; m., 2d, Martha Trask Steele of Portland, Me., who was b. Nov. 7, 1839. He resides in Milwaukee, Wis. Children:

249. Philip Stanley, b. Sept. 1, 1867.

250. Edwin Hale, b. March 5, 1881.

251. FRANCIS ELLINGWOOD (**235**), b. Nov. 6, 1836; Harv. Coll., 1859; Meadville Theol. School, 1863; minister at Dover, N. H., 1864–67; at Toledo, Ohio, 1869–71; editor of The Index, 1870–80; teacher at New York City, 1880–81; since 1881 has had private pupils at Cambridge, Mass.; has published valuable metaphysical articles in magazines, and, in 1885, "Scientific Theism." Ph. D., Harvard, 1881. He m., Aug. 3, 1859, Katharine Fearing Loring of Concord, Mass., who was b. Oct. 18, 1839. Res. in Cambridge. Children:

252. Ethel, b. May 14, 1860; d. July 30, 1860.

253. Everett Vergnies, b. Feb. 3, 1862; Harv. Coll., 1886.

254. Edward Stanley, b. Dec. 13, 1863; Harv. Coll., 1887.

255. Daughter, b. April 29 and d. April 30, 1866.

256. Gertrude, b. April 9, 1867; d. Aug. 13, 1867.

257. Fanny Larcom, b. June 13, 1872.

258. Margaret, b. Aug. 12, 1874; d. Nov. 3, 1874.

259. EMILY FRANCES (**236**), b. April 1, 1839; m., Oct. 25, 1865, Abiel Abbot Vaughan, who was b. April 7, 1839. Resides in Cambridge, Mass. Children:

260. Ethel (Vaughan), b. May 28, 1867.

261. Stanley (Vaughan), b. June 21, 1870; d. Aug. 3, 1872.

262. WILLIAM FITZHALE (**239**), b. April 27, 1853; Harv. Coll., 1874; teacher in Boston, 1874–76; in Indianapolis, Ind., 1877–80; in Worcester, Mass., since 1880. He m., Dec. 28, 1882, Caroline Ward Sewall of Milwaukee, Wis., who was b. Nov. 28, 1860. Children:

263. Edmund Quincy, b. July 26, 1884.

264. Hale Wellington, b. July 30, 1885.

265. Larcom, b. July 30, 1885; d. Aug. 8, 1885.

266. EZRA (**220**), b. Nov. 27, 1805; d. Aug. 16, 1876. A student at Phillips Exeter Academy, 1823–27; entered soph. at Bowd. Coll., and grad. in 1830. Teacher one year at Augusta, Me.; resident graduate at New Haven till April, 1832; then went to Fauquier Co., Va., and taught at Morven a school for the grandchildren and other relatives of Chief Justice Marshall for about thirteen years. He then bought a farm three miles distant in same county, and opened a boarding school. He m., at Leeds, in same county, April 29, 1846, Sarah Hooker, who was b., New York City, Aug. 7, 1824. In 1853, closing the school and selling the farm, he removed his family in May to New England. In Oct., 1854, he removed to Batavia, Ill., and became a teacher in the Batavia Institute. Finding the climate objectionable, he removed, Sept., 1855, to St. Anthony, Minn., where his family resided, while he was often at Owatonna in Steele Co., being interested as part owner in advancing the growth of the new town, now city, to which, late in 1857, he removed his

family. He engaged in several enterprises,—a water mill, a steam mill,—was a director of a railroad and several years its treasurer. On the death of his son-in-law, a jeweller, he bought the store in behalf of his own son, then learning the business. His widow resides with her daughter. Children:

267. Claudia Marshall (**269**), b. May 16, 1847.

268. Edmund Hale (**274**), b. June 16, 1849.

269. CLAUDIA MARSHALL (**267**), b. May 16, 1847; m., Feb. 6, 1866, Edwin B. McClure, who d. Oct. 12, 1866; m., 2d, Jan. 14, 1874, Henry Birkett, jeweller at Owatonna, who was b., Ottawa, Can., July 4, 1848. Children:

270. Henry Ezra (Birkett), b. Jan. 11, 1875.

271. Ethel Sadie (Birkett), b. July 11, 1877.

272. Claudia Wren (Birkett), b. April 14, 1880; d. Jan. 4, 1883.

273. Miles Wren (Birkett), b. July 28, 1885.

274. EDMUND HALE (**268**), b. June 16, 1849; a jeweller at Owatonna; removed to Minneapolis, where he now is; m., Feb. 24, 1876, Janet Grace Goudie, who was b. April 7, 1854. Children:

275. William Ezra, b. July 19, 1878.

276. Frank Edmund, b. Sept 28, 1880; d. Nov. 17, 1886, of diphtheria.

277. Bessie R., b. July 14, 1883; d. Dec. 10, 1886, of diphtheria.

278. HARRIS (**223**), b. Sept. 19, 1812; d. March 20, 1884. Academical education at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, 1 term; at Phillips Exeter Acad. from Jan., 1830, to May, 1831; settled with his father on the homestead; was a good farmer, a good man and citizen, liberal to schools, a selectman. He m., Nov. 20, 1860, Caroline Ann Greeley of Pelham, N. H., who was b. Oct. 20, 1836. Children:

279. Ella Caroline, b. April 22, 1862; grad. Cushing Acad., Ashburnham, Mass., 1882; teacher at Pelham 4 terms, and at Pembroke Acad. 1 year; now at Smith College.

280. Stanley Harris, b. Oct. 20, 1863; grad. Cushing Acad., 1882; farmer on the homestead.

281. Florence Hale, b. Oct. 20, 1867; grad. Cushing Acad., 1887; now at Smith College.

282. Charles Greeley, b. May 31, 1872; grad. Wilton High School, 1888.

283. NELSON (**225**), b. Nov. 17, 1816; attended New Ipswich Acad.; settled as farmer on part of the homestead; m., Oct. 17, 1848, Hannah Holt Pevey of Greenfield, N. H., who was b. Oct. 31, 1821. Children:

284. Edward Nelson (**287**), b. Oct. 5, 1850.

285. Katharine Holt, b. April 7, 1854; resided about 5 yrs. with friends at Willet's Point, N. Y. Harbor; now resides in Wilton.

286. Walter Harris, b. June 30, 1855.

287. EDWARD NELSON (**284**), b. Oct. 5, 1850. Attended New Ipswich Academy; from Nov., 1872, was a messenger of the Canadian Express Co. from Montreal westerly, and later from Montreal to Portland, Me., till 1887; since then has been agent of the Dominion Express Co. at Montreal.

He m., Island Pond, Vt., June 21, 1882, Sarah Ann Noyes, who was b. March 7, 1853. Child:

288. Charles Noyes, b. Aug. 3, 1886.

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289. JEREMIAH (**15**), son of John (**13**), b. May 25, 1743; d. Nov. 2, 1825. Settled in Wilton 1765 or 6; cleared a good farm from the forest, and by steady industry kept it in good condition; much inclined to home; faithful in his duty as an honest, Christian man. He m., Sept. 16, 1766, Chloe, dau. of Zebadiah Abbot of Andover, Mass. She was b. Nov. 16, 1737, and d. Aug. 21, 1809. Children:

290. Chloe, b. June 4, 1767; d. July 19, 1849; m., April 11, 1786, Joseph Gray. See Gray gen. (**25**).

291. Lydia (**299**), b. Oct. 22, 1768.

292. Anna (**309**), b. July 15, 1770.

293. Phebe (**317**), b. Aug. 24, 1772.

294. Dorcas, b. Aug. 24, 1772; d. July, 1847: m. Daniel Holt, Wilton. See Nicholas Holt gen. (**188**).

295. Jeremiah (**329**), b. Aug. 28, 1774.

296. Zebadiah (**416**), b. Sept. 20, 1776.

297. Betsy (**451**), b. Aug. 21, 1778.

298. Sarah, b. Dec. 8, 1781; d. Oct. 26, 1851; m. Stephen Buss. See Stephen Buss gen. (**17**).

299. LYDIA (**291**), b. Oct. 22, 1768; d. Sept. 1, 1832; m. Capt. Thomas Pevey of Greenfield. Children:

300. Thomas (Pevey), b. Oct. 31, 1791; d. Nov. 26, 1814.

301. Jeremiah (Pevey), b. Nov. 4, 1793; m. Louisa Fitch.

302. Zebadiah (Pevey), b. Aug. 25, 1795; m., 2d, Mary Patterson.

303. Ezra (Pevey), b. Nov. 9, 1797; d. Nov. 3, 1800.

304. Peter J. (Pevey), b. March 4, 1800; d. June 1, 1837.

305. George S. (Pevey), b. March 4, 1800; d. Nov. 3, 1800.

306. Lydia (Pevey), b. Nov. 12, 1803; m. Joshua Stevens of Peterborough.

307. Chloe A. (Pevey), b. Oct. 6, 1806; d.

308. Ezra (Pevey), b. Aug. 14, 1809; Peterborough; capt. of militia; m. Lucinda Little.

309. ANNA (**292**), b. July 15, 1770; d. March, 1841: m., April 13, 1790, David Wood of Hancock. Children:

310. Anna (Wood), b. May 24, 1795; d. Jan., 1829; m. Daniel Wood.

311. Sally (Wood), b. Aug. 15, 1797.

312. Achsah (Wood), b. Jan. 5, 1801; m. David Hills.

313. David (Wood), b. Feb. 8, 1804; m.

314. Moses (Wood), b. April 29, 1806; m.

315. Jacob Abbot (Wood), b. May 14, 1810; M. D.; m.

316. Betsy E. (Wood), b. March 8, 1812; d. Aug. 13, 1832.

317. PHEBE (**293**), b. Aug. 24, 1772; d. Dec., 1850; m., Sept. 1, 1795, Walter Fiske of Wilton; m., 2d, 1810, Caleb Holt of Weld, Me. See Holt gen. (**114**). Children:

318. Walter (Fiske), b. May 26, 1796.

319. Benjamin N. (Fiske), b. Jan. 22, 1798.

320. Jeremiah (Fiske) (**323**), b. Jan. 3, 1800.

321. Abiel (Holt), b. April 13, 1815.

322. Hiram (Holt), b. Sept. 28, 1816.

323. JEREMIAH (FISKE) (**320**), b. Jan. 3, 1800; lived in Weld, Me., Augusta, Me., and Roxbury, Mass., where he d.; m., Oct. 28, 1824, Peggy Burton of Wilton. See Burton gen. (**44**). Children:

324. Henry Dwight (Fiske), b. Aug. 12, 1825; enlisted in fall of 1861 in Sixteenth Regt., Maine V., and d. Jan. 21, 1865, starved to death in Salisbury Prison. He m. Ellen Cooley of Lowell; 4 ch., all dead but youngest, Geo. Henry.

325. Phebe Abbot (Fiske), b. Oct. 2, 1826; m. James E. Hamlin of Augusta, Me. Two children: Harriet, who m. Wm. Hartwell of Bath, and Pliny.

326. Emma Maria (Fiske), b. Aug. 21, 1828; m. Henry A. Blake of Augusta, Me. Three children: Henry L., Maria Scottie, and Ada, a teacher.

327. Jeremiah Pliny (Fiske), b. March 24, 1831; a painter in Boston; m. Sarah Dow of Concord, N. H. Two children; 1 living, Alfreda.

328. Mary Ann Billings (Fiske), b. Jan. 21, 1836; m. John A. Turner of Medfield, Mass. Two children, d. in infancy.

329. JEREMIAH (**295**), b. Aug. 28, 1774; d. June 30, 1857. Settled at first on the homestead with his father, but later on the farm occupied by the late Dea. Hermon Abbot. He m., Jan. 30, 1800, Eunice Blanchard, who was b. June 6, 1778, and d. Jan. 4, 1850. See Blanchard gen. (**44**). Children:

330. Eunice, b. Sept. 4, 1803; d. Oct. 24, 1867.

331. Son, b. Jan. 5, 1805; d. Jan. 6, 1805.

332. Lydia, b. May 12, 1806; d. March 5, 1860.

333. Jeremiah (**340**), b. July 19, 1808.

334. Chloe, b. May 29, 1810; d. April 17, 1833.

335. Amos (**363**), b. June 2, 1812.

336. Hermon (**400**), b. Feb. 20, 1814.

337. Abigail, b. July 21, 1816. Teacher at Wilton and Andover, Mass., for many years; res. now at Wilton.

338. Isaac (**405**), b. July 26, 1819.

339. Elizabeth, b. July 9, 1821; many years at Andover; res. now at Wilton.

340. JEREMIAH (**333**), b. July 19, 1808; merchant, Manchester, N. H.; m. Eliza Campbell of Windham, who d. Feb. 12, 1876. Children:

341. Carrie Augusta, b. Sept. 20, 1835; teacher many years in Manchester.

342. Edward Payson (**348**), b. Dec. 24, 1836.

343. Selwin Blanchard (**350**), b. May 31, 1838.

344. Abbie E., b. Sept. 25, 1840; teacher several years in Manchester.

345. Milton Atwood (**353**), b. Aug. 7, 1842.

346. Sarah Jane (**357**), b. June 13, 1844.

347. Mary Anna (**360**), b. April 20, 1848.

348. Edward Payson (**342**), b. Dec. 24, 1836; m., April 24, 1862, Angie Crowell. She d. Oct. 30, 1879. Child:

349. Hermon Edward, b. July 2, 1869.

350. Selwin Blanchard (**343**), b. May 31, 1838; d. Sept. 23, 1880; m., Oct. 21, 1862, Caroline L. Edgerton. Children:

351. Hattie Grace, b. Oct. 20, 1863.

352. William Selwin, b. June 13, 1869.

353. Milton Atwood (**345**), b. Aug. 7, 1842; in hardware store, Manchester; m., Nov. 17, 1870, Emily Josephine Oliver, who was b. July 7, 1849. Children:

354. George Oliver, b. Feb. 28, 1872.

355. James Milton, b. Sept. 8, 1874.

356. Bessie Maud, b. March 16, 1885.

357. Sarah Jane (**346**), b. June 13, 1844; m., Oct. 17, 1871, Frank W. Fitts, wholesale and retail merchant, Manchester. Children:

358. Marianna (Fitts), b. May 13, 1875.

359. William Lamson (Fitts), b. March 6, 1882.

360. Mary Anna (**347**), b. April 20, 1848; m., Oct. 21, 1869, William Stickney Lamson, inventor of the Lamson Cash Carrier; res. in Lowell. Children:

361. William Abbot (Lamson), b. Aug. 26, 1870.

362. Frank Fitts (Lamson), b. Nov. 29, 1872.

363. Amos (**335**), b. June 2, 1812. For account of his life see page 265. He m., May 12, 1834, Anstice Wilson of Wilton. See David Wilson gen. (**3**). Children:

364. Elizabeth Augusta (**373**), b., India, April 8, 1835.

365. Abigail Ann, b. July 29, 1836; d., India, Aug. 1, 1836.

366. Anstice, b., India, Aug. 16, 1839.

367. Chloe, b., India, Sept. 20, 1841.

368. Amos Wilson (**385**), b., India, Jan. 6, 1844.

369. Emily (**388**), b., India, June 8, 1845.

370. Albert Armstrong (**396**), b., Wilton, Oct. 6, 1847.

371. Bertha, b., Piscataquog, March 11, 1850; d. Jan. 25, 1875.

372. Justin Edwards, b., Portsmouth, Dec. 25, 1853. Grad., Dart. Coll., 1876; at Union Theol. Sem., 1879, and ordained missionary A. B. C. F. M., 1880; lives in India; a teacher and editor.

373. Elizabeth Augusta (**364**), b. April 8, 1835; m., Aug. 9, 1856, Rev. Samuel Chase Dean, several years missionary in India, now a home missionary at South Bend, Neb. Children:

374. Horace Abbott (Dean) (**382**), b. Oct. 20, 1857.

375. Caroline (Dean), b. June 10, 1859.

376. Walter Chase (Dean), b. March 16, 1861.

377. Frank Wilson (Dean), b. Feb. 9, 1863.

378. George Robinson (Dean), b. Aug. 11, 1864.

379. Edwin Blanchard (Dean), b. July 21, 1866.

380. Arthur Randall (Dean), b. Feb. 5, 1869.

381. Norman Peck (Dean), b. April 22, 1871.

382. HORACE ABBOTT (DEAN) (**374**), b. Oct. 20, 1857; m., Feb. 16, 1881, Elizabeth W. Wakeman. Children:

383. Hermon Wakeman (Dean), b. March 23, 1882.

384. Edgar Lysle (Dean), b. Sept. 15, 1885.

385. AMOS WILSON (**368**), b. Jan. 6, 1844; for sketch of his life see page 268; m., Aug. 19, 1880, Helen G. Wright. Children:

386. Harold Wilson, b. Aug. 6, 1882; d. Nov. 6, 1885.

387. Griswold, b. Sept. 28, 1884; d. Nov. 7, 1885.

388. EMILY (**369**), b. June 8, 1845; m., in India, George Adolphus Jacob, now colonel in the English army in India; his family res. in England for the education of his children. Children:

389. Frederick Drummond (Jacob), b. March 29, 1865; a law student.

390. Harold Fenton (Jacob), b. Dec. 22, 1866; in the army in India.

391. Ernest Abbott (Jacob), b. March 20, 1868.

392. Hugh Travers (Jacob), b. July 30, 1869.

393. Ethel May (Jacob), b. April 13, 1871.

394. Maud Augusta (Jacob), b. Dec. 24, 1872.

395. Kathleen Anstice (Jacob), b. Dec. 1, 1882.

396. ALBERT ARMSTRONG (**370**), b. Oct. 6, 1847. He went to India with his parents, 1857, returning, 1865; Dart. Coll., 1871; taught school in Tennessee one yr.; 1873–83, engaged in farming and stock-raising in Steele City, Neb.; since 1883 engaged in business in gas fixtures, and now is one of the firm composing the American Plating Co., at Minneapolis; m., Wilton, Sept. 8, 1880, Abby Hawkins Foster. See Foster gen. (**6**). Children:

397. May Ethel, b. March 26, 1882.

398. Bertha Abigail, b. Oct. 2, 1884.

399. Anstice Tenny, b. May 9, 1886.

400. HERMON (**336**), b. Feb. 20, 1814; d. Nov. 17, 1878. Settled on the homestead. A man of strict integrity and excellent judgment and ability. Deacon, and for six years a selectman. He m., Jan. 5, 1837, Harriet Abbot (**224**). Children:

401. Willis Hermon, b. March 12, 1839; enlisted in Co. C, Sixteenth regt., N. H. V.; served under Gen. Banks in Louisiana; a farmer in Wilton; m., Sutton, Aug. 11, 1886, Emma Florence Wyman, who was b. Nov. 1, 1853.

402. Emily Harriet, b. Sept. 22, 1844; teacher in several towns in N. H., and in Ashburnham and Pepperell, Mass.

403. Mary Nelson, b. Feb. 3, 1847; a music teacher in Lowell, Mass.

404. A daughter, b. and d. May, 1849.

405. ISAAC (**338**), b. July 26, 1819; d. Jan. 11, 1857. A farmer in Wilton; a selectman; in a flour and grain store at Manchester for some years. He m., Feb. 18, 1846, Harriet Parkhurst, who was b. April 7, 1820. Children:

406. Fanny Naomi (**410**), b. Nov. 10, 1846.

407. Edwin Isaac, b. April 14, 1849; many years in the mining regions at the West, returned sick, and d. Aug. 23, 1882.

408. William Herbert (**413**), b. Feb. 3, 1853.

409. Arthur Augustus, b. Dec. 6, 1855; clerk in a wholesale jewelry store, Boston.

410. Fanny Naomi (**406**), b. Nov. 10, 1846; m., June 2, 1868, Albert Carlton, a farmer in Wilton. Children:

411. Annie Abbot (Carlton), b. May 23, 1880; d. July 30, 1880.

412. Alice May (Carlton), b. May 23, 1880.

413. William Herbert (**408**), b. Feb. 3, 1853; a teller in the American Loan and Trust Co., Boston; m., Nov. 9, 1881, Sarah Lydia Gallison of Lawrence, Mass. Children:

414. Edwin Isaac, b. Oct. 13, 1883.

415. Elizabeth, b. July 20, 1885.

416. Zebadiah (**296**), b. Sept. 20, 1776; d. Aug. 24, 1830. A farmer on the homestead. He m., Nov. 8, 1801, Elizabeth Hale, dau. of Lieut. Joseph Hale, and niece of Capt. Nathan Hale, of Revolutionary fame. She was b. Sept. 29, 1779, and d. April 14, 1845. Children:

417. Eliza Hale, b. Sept. 7, 1802; d. March 10, 1853; m., Georgia, Nov. 12, 1829, Alvah Steele. See Benjamin Steele gen. (**18**).

418. Zebadiah (**426**), b. Oct. 16, 1803.

419. Mary, b. June 21, 1805; d. May 15, 1857; m., July 4, 1831, John Farrington Russell. See Russell gen. (**36**).

420. Rufus (**436**), b. April 17, 1807.

421. Charles (**446**), b. Oct. 31, 1808.

422. Nancy (**449**), b. Feb. 24, 1810.

423. Caroline, b. Oct. 1, 1811; d., Chelmsford, Mass., Oct. 6, 1852; m., Nov. 27, 1832, Henry Abbot (**693**).

424. Lucy, b. March 19, 1815; teacher in Georgia; m., Nov. 19, 1837, Wm. Abbot (**487**).

425. Levi, b. May 26, 1818; Yale Coll., 1840; teacher at Alexandria, Va., Newark, N. J., and elsewhere; studied law with Abbot & Fox, Nashua, and at Harvard Law School; admitted to the bar at Manchester, Oct., 1850; now for many years on a farm in Hollis; superintendent of schools, etc. He m., Jan. 1, 1857, Matilda Abbot (**486**); n. ch.

426. Zebadiah (**418**), b. Oct. 16, 1803; d. July 17, 1888. A teacher and a farmer in Wilton on lot No. 3, third range; prominent in town affairs; well informed, and possessed of an unusually keen mind; a man fearless in advocating the cause of abolition in anti-slavery times; universally respected. He m., Sept. 24, 1827, Mary Ann Hyde of Lisbon, Conn., who was b. Sept. 12, 1802, and d. Nov. 16, 1874. Children:

427. Albert Dwight (**430**), b. Jan. 16, 1831.

428. Susan Elizabeth, b. Oct. 28, 1834; m., 2d wife, April 5, 1877, George Norman Carr, b. Aug. 15, 1826, at Dryden, N. Y.

429. Ellen Frances (**432**), b. Jan. 15, 1838.

430. Albert Dwight (**427**), b. Jan. 16, 1831; farmer in Wilton; m., Oct. 30, 1860, Jane Brigham of Dublin, N. H., who was b. Jan. 19, 1838. Child:

431. Perley John, b. Dec. 11, 1865.

432. Ellen Frances (**429**), b. Jan. 15, 1838; m., Jan. 15, 1861, Daniel Tenney Shipley of Londonderry, who was b. Dec. 30, 1819, and d. May 10,

Zebadiah Abbott

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1883; lived in Londonderry, Lawrence and Methuen. She now res. in Nashua. Children:

433. Wilbur Abbot (Shipley), b. Aug. 16, 1862; res. Nashua; m., March 10, 1886, Lora E. Bagley, who was b. June 17, 1863.

434. Mary Hyde (Shipley), b. May 9, 1865; d. Jan. 23, 1867.

435. Katharine Maud (Shipley), b. June 8, 1871; d. Nov. 8, 1872.

436. RUFUS (**420**), b. April 17, 1807; d. Jan. 12, 1873. At Phillips Exeter Acad., 1827–29; 3 yrs. at Dartmouth Coll., and 1 yr. at Yale, graduating there 1833; 1833–39, in Kentucky, teacher 2 yrs. at Greensburg; studied and practised medicine, attending lectures at Lexington and at Louisville, where he graduated 1839; 1839–46, practised at Jefferson City, Mo.; in 1846–56, practised in Callaway Co., Mo., carrying on a farm meanwhile; 1856, removed to Fulton in same co., where in 1863 he was appointed supt. of the State Insane Asylum there located; this position he resigned in 1867 and removed to Pleasant Hill in Cass Co., where he spent the last years of his life. A city paper characterized him as "A member of the church 40 years, a ruling elder 30 years;" "a learned, judicious and successful physician;" "decided in his opinions, firm in executing his designs, and punctual in the discharge of duty." He m., April 20, 1838, Mary B. Aiken of Greensburg, Ky., who d. Oct. 19, 1838; he m., 2d, Oct. 21, 1840, Mary Rebecca Hart of Jefferson City, who was b. in Va., Feb. 29, 1824, and d. Feb. 13, 1876. Children:

437. Charles Hale, b. May 17, 1843. Grad. Westminster Coll., Fulton, Mo., 1863; studied medicine at Bellevue Hospital College, New York City, graduating 1866; practised in several places, lastly at Pleasant Hill, Mo., where he moved upon his father's death, to take charge of his practice. He subsequently became a civil engineer; died.

438. Annie Curd (**440**), b. Sept. 18, 1846.

439. Caroline Hart (**443**), b. Aug. 16, 1849.

440. ANNIE CURD (**438**), b. Sept. 18, 1846; m., Dec. 20, 1871, Allen M. Stearns, a grad. of Mich. Univ., and a lawyer; res., since 1873, at Kalamazoo, Mich. Children:

441. Clare Hart (Stearns), b. Jan. 14, 1873.

442. Eva Stanley (Stearns), b. June 14, 1874; d.

443. CAROLINE HART (**439**), b. Aug. 16, 1849; m., Oct. 31, 1871, Elisha Stanley, who was engaged in banking business at Pleasant Hill, Mo., and d. March 20, 1875. She resides at Kalamazoo. Children:

444. Lester Abbot (Stanley), b. Aug. 9, 1872.

445. Abbot (Stanley), b. Nov. 28, 1873; d. Aug. 18, 1874.

446. CHARLES (**421**), b. Oct. 31, 1808; d. Dec. 22, 1878. At Exeter academy 3 yrs. and grad. Dart. Coll., 1833. Teacher at Nashua and elsewhere of private schools; also teacher of vocal and instrumental music; he taught numerous singing schools in different states; settled in Newark, engaged in other business and d. there. He m., Feb. 10, 1848, Chastina C. Gove of Milford. Children:

447. Francis Guy Gove, b. Aug. 25, 1861.

448. Roy, b. July 7, 1865; d.

449. NANCY (**422**), b. Feb. 24, 1810; d. Jan. 5, 1888. A teacher for ten terms. She m., Aug. 18, 1834, Geo. M. Hayward of Milford, who was in business at Baltimore, Md. He d., Milford, April 7, 1840. She m., 2d, April 19, 1854, Henry Abbot of Lowell. Child:

450. Caroline Frances (Hayward), b. Feb. 6, 1836.

451. BETSY (**297**), b. Aug. 21, 1778; d.; m. Capt. Moses Wood. Children:

452. Moses (Wood), b. June 13, 1812.

453. Elizabeth (Wood), b. May 15, 1814.

454. David (Wood), b. Aug. 31, 1816.

455. Catharine (Wood), b. Jan. 1, 1819.

456. Betsy Emily (Wood), b. Jan. 1, 1821.

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457. WILLIAM (**16**), son of John (**13**), b. Jan. 14, 1748; d. Nov. 30, 1793. He settled on lot No. 3, fifth range, where A. D. Abbot now lives, as early as 1770. By industry and prudence he made a good farm from the forest. He was a man of keen intellect, sagacious, well informed and of strict integrity; of good influence in town and county; a patron of learning, good order and religious institutions; prominent in town affairs, serving as selectman, town clerk and representative; was a member of the state convention for adopting the U. S. Constitution, and aided much in its adoption; and was a member of the convention for revising the N. H. Constitution. He m., Nov. 12, 1772, Phebe Ballard, who was b. Nov. 5, 1752, and d. Jan. 7, 1846. Children:

458. William (**469**), b. Nov. 15, 1773.

459. John (**477**), b. Oct. 6, 1775.

460. Timothy (**480**), b. Sept. 2, 1777.

461. Ezra, b. Aug. 10, 1779; d. Aug. 29, 1784.

462. Phebe, b. Aug. 11, 1781; d. Oct. 21, 1844.

463. Hermon, b. Aug. 13, 1783; d. July 24, 1825; two yrs. at Harv. Coll.; physician, Belfast, Me.

464. Ezra (**513**), b. July 3, 1785.

465. Isaac, b. July 29, 1787; d. Nov. 7, 1788.

466. Hannah, b. July 17, 1789; m. John Mack of Amherst. See Mack gen. (**19**).

467. Betsy, b. Sept. 5, 1791; d. March 12, 1828; m. Dr. Timothy Parkhurst of Wilton. See Parkhurst gen. (**17**).

468. Isaac (**528**), b. Sept. 11, 1793.

469. WILLIAM (**458**), b. Nov. 15, 1773; d. Aug. 26, 1849. Harv. Coll., 1797; a lawyer at Castine and Bangor, Me.; member of convention for forming the Maine Constitution, and of the Legislature at organizing the government; first mayor of Bangor. He m., 1802, Rebekah Atherton of Lancaster, Mass. Children:

470. William, b. March 23, 1803; d. Oct. 15, 1812.

471. Charles Jeffrey, b. Jan. 9, 1806; Bowd. Coll., 1825; lawyer at Castine; m. S. A. Hook, who d. 1843, aged 30 yrs.; m., 2d, at Glassboro, N. J., April 2, 1855, Mrs. Temperance J. Whitney of New Orleans.

472. Rebekah, b. Oct. 17, 1807; m. Dr. Thomas Barker of Prospect, Me.; later of Bangor.

473. Ellen, b. March 30, 1810.

474. George H., b. Feb. 3, 1812; d., New Orleans, 1839.

475. William, b. Sept. 11, 1813; d., New Orleans, Sept. 3, 1837.

476. Francis, b. Nov. 7, 1816; res. Deer Isle; m.

477. JOHN (**459**), b. Oct. 6, 1775; d.; physician at Hampden and Bangor; m. Mary Hammond. Children:

478. Mary, b. Aug. 16, 1816.

479. John, b. Jan. 7, 1818.

480. TIMOTHY (**460**), b. Sept. 2, 1777; d. Oct. 27, 1863. Settled on the homestead; representative and senator in State Legislature; a justice of the peace for very many years; a man well informed by reading, reflection and observation, and universally respected. He m., Nov. 4, 1812, Betsy, dau. of Dr. Ebenezer Rockwood, who d. Oct. 6, 1846, aged 64 yrs. See Rockwood gen. (**13**). Children:

481. Maria, b. Aug. 8, 1813; d. Aug. 10, 1823.

482. William (**487**), b. May 16, 1815.

483. Betsy R. (**498**), b. Aug. 3, 1818.

484. Timothy, b. July 13, 1821; d. June 7, 1845.

485. Maria, b. Dec. 27, 1823; d. May 13, 1865.

486. Matilda, b. Dec. 12, 1828; m., Jan. 1, 1857, Levi Abbot (**425**).

487. WILLIAM (**482**), b. May 16, 1815; farmer in Wilton; m., Nov. 19, 1837, Lucy Abbot (**424**). Children:

488. William Ellis, b. Dec. 10, 1841; d. Feb. 2, 1842.

489. Maria Louise, b. Dec. 4, 1843; m., Nov. 18, 1886, Wm. Berry, who was b. Feb. 12, 1850.

490. William Emery (**491**), b. April 28, 1847.

491. WILLIAM EMERY (**490**), b. April 28, 1847; a grocer; res. Washington, D. C.; m., Jan. 24, 1877, Hattie Eunice Gove of Washington, who was b. Sept. 11, 1854. Children:

492. Russell Gove, b. Dec. 10, 1878.

493. Louis Emery, b. Sept. 15, 1880; d. Aug. 16, 1881.

494. Arthur Hale, b. Dec. 8, 1881.

495. Ralph Thompson, b. Oct. 16, 1884.

496. Herbert Rockwood, b. Feb. 24, 1886; d. April 5, 1887.

497. Roland Emerson, b. Oct., 1887.

498. BETSY R. (**483**), b. Aug. 3, 1818; m., Oct. 29, 1844, Rev. Hiram Wason, who was b., New Boston, Dec. 18, 1814. He grad., Amherst Coll., 1838; studied theology at Andover and New Haven; settled as pastor of Presbyterian Ch. at Vevay, Ind., 1843–1857; and at West Creek Township, Lake Co., Ind., 1857–1864; since then has resided on his farm there. Children:

499. Timothy Abbot (Wason) (**502**), b. Sept. 23, 1845.

500. Nannie Rockwood (Wason) (**505**), b. June 9, 1851.

501. Maria Louise (Wason) (**509**), b. Dec. 18, 1853.

502. TIMOTHY ABBOT (WASON) (**499**), b. Sept. 23, 1845; m., Dec. 24,

1873, Julia Brannon, who d. July 17, 1876; m., 2d., Emma S. Peach. Children:

503. Julia Brannon (Wason), b. July 16, 1876.

504. Henry Boyd (Wason), b. Aug. 1, 1887.

505. NANNIE ROCKWOOD (WASON) (**500**), b. June 9, 1851; m., Dec. 4, 1875, Edward P. Ames. Children:

506. Carlie Wason (Ames), b. March 20, 1877.

507. Raymond Hubbard (Ames), b. Feb. 14, 1879.

508. Edward Elbridge (Ames), b. June 25, 1881.

509. MARIA LOUISE (WASON) (**501**), b. Dec. 18, 1853; m., May 7, 1881, Charles A. Burhans. Children:

510. Mary Carr (Burhans), b. March 8, 1882.

511. Bessie Andrews (Burhans), b. May 15, 1884.

512. Edith Louise (Burhans), b. April 3, 1886.

513. EZRA (**464**), b. July 3, 1785; d. June 7, 1871. Settled in Jackson, Me.; a farmer, and a justice of the peace. He m., June 25, 1818, Phebe (**29**), dau. of Major Abiel Abbot of Wilton, who was b. June 25, 1788, and d. Nov. 25, 1825. Children:

514. Ezra Abbot, b. April 28, 1819; d. March 21, 1884. Bowd Coll., 1840; teacher at Foxcroft and East Machias, Me.; in 1847 removed to Cambridge; after some time spent in teaching, in pursuing private studies, and in rendering service in the libraries of Harv. Coll. and the Boston Athenæum, was appointed, 1856, assist. librarian of Harv. Coll., and in 1872 Bussey Prof. of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation in the Divinity School; a member of the American Oriental Society, 1852, and from 1853 its recording secretary; a member of Am. Acad. of Arts and Sciences, 1861; in 1871 chosen a member of the New Testament company for the revision of our English Bible. A. M., Bowd. Coll., 1843; A. M. (honorary), Harv. Coll., 1861; LL. D., Yale Coll., 1869; S. T. D., Harv. Coll., 1872; LL. D., Bowd. Coll., 1878; and was tendered the degree of D. D. by the Univ. of Edinburgh at its tercentenary, but died before the date of celebration. He was noted for the extreme accuracy of his scholarship, and for his great generosity in freely giving his assistance and time to all who sought his aid. He m., Dec. 7, 1843, Catharine Meder of Jackson, who d. July 25, 1847; m., 2d, Dec. 21, 1854, Emily Everett of Cambridge, dau. of Rev. Stevens Everett.

515. Phebe Dorcas Abigail (**516**), b. Oct. 28, 1822.

516. PHEBE DORCAS ABIGAIL (**515**), b. Oct. 28, 1822; m., 1840, William Grout of Monroe, a farmer, who d. 1845; m., 2d, 1855, Nathaniel Emmons Carpenter of Jackson, a farmer, who d. May 16, 1884. Children:

517. Abby Ann (Grout) (**522**), b. April 17, 1842; d. June, 1873.

518. Ruth W. (Carpenter), b. May 17, 1856; m., July, 1884, Frederick Wright of Jackson, a farmer.

519. Susanna (Carpenter) (**526**), b. Dec. 2, 1858.

520. Ezra Abbot (Carpenter), b. Nov. 20, 1861.

521. William (Carpenter), b. June 17, 1865; d. Sept. 17, 1865.

522. ABBY ANN (GROUT) (**517**), b. April 17, 1842; d. June, 1873;

m., Sept., 1865, Thomas Warren of Jackson, a stone cutter. Children:

523. Abbot (Warren), b. July 3, 1866.

524. Catharine (Warren), b. Jan. 2, 1870.

525. Thomas (Warren), b. April 17, 1871.

526. SUSANNA (CARPENTER) (**519**), b. Dec. 2, 1858; m., March 14, 1880, Frederic H. Brown of Jackson, a farmer. Child:

527. Emily Abbot (Brown), b. Sept. 9, 1882.

528. ISAAC (**468**), b. Sept. 11, 1793; d. March 9, 1851. He settled in Jackson, Me.; a land surveyor and farmer. He m., July 16, 1814, Chloe Bales of Wilton. See Bales gen. (**10**). Children:

529. Mary Jane (**540**), b., Wilton, Oct. 25, 1815.

530. Phebe Susan, b. May 24, 1818.

531. David Sears, b. May 1, 1820.

532. Emily, b. April 23, 1822; d. Aug. 10, 1825.

533. Isaac Prentiss, b. April 11, 1824; d. Aug. 22, 1825.

534. Isaac Prentiss (**546**), b. March 1, 1826.

535. Emily (**548**), b. Oct. 24, 1828.

536. George Junius, b. Dec. 3, 1830; d. Nov. 3, 1883.

537. Chloe Amelia, b. June 1, 1833; m., Dec. 17, 1861, Unity, Me., Sumner W. Hall, who was b., Athens, Me., April 6, 1826, and d., Chicago, Ill., June 5, 1883.

538. Timothy, b. Aug. 18, 1836; d. Aug. 3, 1855.

539. William, b. Feb. 5, 1839; d. 1863.

540. MARY JANE (**529**), b., Wilton, Oct. 25, 1815; m., Jan. 1, 1835, Allen Davis of Standish, Me., who was b. Dec. 31, 1810, and d. Dec. 26, 1874; res. in Brooks, Me. Children:

541. Charles Allen (Davis), b. March 4, 1836.

542. Sarah (Davis), b. May 3, 1839.

543. Chloe Abbot (Davis), b. June 30, 1843.

544. Emily (Davis), b. March 17, 1847; d. March 25, 1874.

545. Mary Ellen (Davis), b. July 9, 1854.

546. ISAAC PRENTISS (**534**), b. March 1, 1826; res., Milford; m. Jane L. Hutchinson, who was b. Oct. 12, 1831. See Hutchinson gen. (**75**). Children:

547. George A., b. Aug. 9, 1859. Two other children have died.

548. EMILY (**535**), b. Oct. 24, 1828; m., July 1, 1855, Loren Fletcher. Children:

549. Fremont Charles (Fletcher), b. June 1, 1856.

550. Mary Emily (Fletcher), b. Dec. 10, 1857.

551. Willis Bales (Fletcher), b. Jan. 22, 1860.

552. Allen Davis (Fletcher), b. Aug. 18, 1864; d.

553. Frederic (Fletcher), b. May 10, 1870.

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554. BENJAMIN (**3**), eighth child of George Abbot (**1**), was b. Dec. 20, 1661; d. March 30, 1703; res. Andover, Mass. He m., April 22, 1685, Sarah Farnum. Their second child was:

555. JONATHAN, b. Sept., 1687; d. March 21, 1770; m., 1713, Zerviah Holt. Among their children were:

556. Jonathan (**559**), b. Dec. 14, 1714.

557. Job (**570**), b. Oct. 14, 1724.

558. Samuel (**590**), b. Oct. 1, 1727.

559. JONATHAN (**556**), b. Dec. 14, 1714; d. May 21, 1794. Res. Andover. He m., 1739, Martha Lovejoy; m., 2d, Mary Abbot. His second child was:

560. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 21, 1746; d. Oct., 1807; succeeded John Steele on the farm in Wilton owned by the late Zebadiah Abbot. He m. Sarah Holt. Children:

561. Hannah, b., Andover, Mass., May 27, 1767; m. Capt. Daniel Heald of Temple, N. H.

562. Sarah, b., Andover, June 3, 1769; m. Ezra Upton; n. ch.

563. Martha, b., Wilton, Dec. 11, 1772; m. Elisha Child of Temple.

564. Molly, b. April 5, 1775; d. Aug. 20, 1777.

565. William (**567**), b. Jan. 7, 1779.

566. Molly, b. April 23, 1782; d. June, 1806; m. Samuel Tufts of Malden.

567. WILLIAM (**565**), b. Jan. 7, 1779; d. May, 1843. Succeeded his father on the farm but sold out in a few years and moved to Malden, Mass. He m., Jan. 24, 1799, Rebecca Batchelder, who was b. Dec. 20, 1775, and d. 1805. See Batchelder gen. (**9**). He m., 2d, June 4, 1806, Apphia Tyler, who was b. Nov. 22, 1784, and d. Sept. 29, 1806. See Tyler gen. (**3**). He m., 3d, 1807, Abigail ———. Children:

568. William, b., Wilton, June 23, 1800.

569. Nathan, b., Wilton, July 11, 1808, and nine more, names unknown.

570. JOB (**557**), b. Oct. 14, 1724; d. Settled in Pembroke. Among his children were:

571. Sarah, b. July, 1751; m. Abiel Holt of Temple. See Abiel Holt gen. (**1**). She d., Wilton, Oct. 9, 1854, in the family of her grandson, aged 103 yrs. and 3 mos.

572. Job (**573**), b. 1755.

573. JOB (**572**), b. 1755; d. July 12, 1805. Settled in Wilton. He m., 1780, Anna Ballard. Children:

574. Samuel, b. May 14, 1781; d. April, 1782.

575. Samuel, b. July 15, 1783; settled in Dexter, Me.; m. Sarah Palmer. Eight children.

576. Anna, b. July 22, 1785; d. May 9, 1828.

577. James, b. March 14, 1787; d. May 6, 1807.

578. Sarah, b. April 7, 1789; d. Dec. 1, 1821; m. Capt. Abel Abbot, son of her father's brother, Nathan.

579. Mary Foster, b. April 18, 1791; d. Oct. 28, 1828; m. Dea. Paschal Abbot, son of her father's brother, Nathan.

580. William Ballard, b. July 9, 1793; d.

581. Job, b. Aug. 15, 1795; d. Oct. 15, 1819.

582. Timothy Ballard (**587**), b. Aug. 11, 1797.

583. Abigail, b. Jan. 3, 1799; d. July 15, 1822.

584. Lydia, b. Aug. 18, 1800; d. May, 1826; m. Joshua Abbot, son of her father's brother, Nathan.

585. Fanny, b. Jan. 7, 1802; m., 1823, Benj. R. Downes, Andover. Seven children.

586. Son, b. and d. 1804.

587. TIMOTHY BALLARD (**582**), b. Aug. 11, 1797; d. Nov. 22, 1820; m., April 6, 1819, Abigail Wilson. See Wilson gen. (**6**). Children:

588. Abigail Ann, b., Andover, Mass., Sept. 24, 1819.

589. Timothy Ballard, b., Wilton, N. H., June 3, 1821.

590. SAMUEL (**558**), b. Oct. 1, 1727; m. and settled in Pembroke. Among his children was:

591. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 10, 1749; settled in Society Land; m. Rhoda Blanchard. One of his children:

592. Pamela, b. Dec. 7, 1796, is recorded in Wilton town records.

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593. TIMOTHY (**4**), ninth child of George Abbot (**1**), b. Nov. 17, 1663; d. Sept. 9, 1730. In 1676 he was taken by the Indians and was retained by them a number of months; he was brought back by a squaw, having suffered much from hunger. He m., Jan., 1690, Hannah Graves, who d. Nov. 16, 1726. Among his children was:

594. TIMOTHY, b. July 1, 1693; d. July 10, 1766; m., Dec., 1717, Mary Foster. Among his children was:

595. NATHAN, b. Jan. 18, 1729; d.; m., 1759, Jane Paul, who d. May 28, 1772; lived in Wilton awhile. Children:

596. Timothy, b. Oct. 15, 1762.

597. Asa, b. Jan. 24, 1765.

598. Nathan, b. Feb. 13, 1767.

599. Mary, b. May 14, 1769.

600. Martha, b. April 12, 1771.

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601. NATHANIEL (**5**), twelfth child of George Abbot (**1**), was b. July 15, 1671; d. Dec. 12, 1749. Res. Andover, Mass. He m., Nov. 1, 1695, Dorcas Hibbert, who d. Feb. 7, 1743. Their fourth child was:

602. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 2, 1705; d., Wilton, Aug. 23, 1787. Removed to Wilton from Andover about 1776. "Deacon; a man of great simplicity and sound piety. For many years he tuned the psalm and Dea. Isaac Abbot, his cousin, read it line by line." He m., Aug. 12, 1731, Deborah Blanchard, who d. July, 1773. Of fourteen children, eight died young; the other six, named below, all came to Wilton:

603. Bathsheba, b. Sept. 16, 1735; d. Dec., 1784. She m., July 2, 1752 Nathan Blanchard. See Blanchard gen. (**11**).

604. Hannah, b. June 15, 1742; d. 1800; m. Lieut. Timothy Dale of Wilton.

605. Joseph (**609**), b. April 2, 1744.

606. Jacob (**618**), b. March 22, 1746.

607. Nathaniel (**630**), b. Sept. 26, 1751.

608. Rebecca, b. June 19, 1754; d. June, 1796; m., 1775, Daniel Batchelder. See Batchelder gen. (**8**).

609. JOSEPH (**605**), b. April 2, 1744; d. 1792. A farmer in Andover, Mass., and in Wilton and Nelson. He m. Mary Barker. Children:

610. Joseph, b. Nov. 6, 1763; d.; res. Keene; m., June 10, 1785, Betsy King. See King gen. (**3**).

611. Joshua, b. Nov. 5, 1765; res. Nelson; m., July 26, 1785, Huldah Abbot of Andover.

612. James, b. Feb. 2, 1768; d. July, 1810. Res. Billerica, Mass. He m., Feb. 20, 1791, Mehitable Holt. See Holt gen. (**111**).

613. Israel, b. Jan. 29, 1771; d. Feb. 26, 1831. Res. Charlestown. He m., May 1, 1789, Alice Baker of Nelson.

614. Molly, b. June 18, 1773; m. Levi Warren of Nelson.

615. Lucy, b. July 18, 1775; m. Pepperell Skinner of Nelson, N. H.

616. Isaac, b. Aug. 3, 1778; d. Oct. 17, 1781.

617. Jedediah, b. Aug. 20, 1780; of upper Canada and Smithville, Chenango Co., N. Y.

618. JACOB (**606**), b. March 22, 1746; d. March 5, 1820. He moved to Wilton and made a farm; sold it about 1776 to his brother Joseph; traded at Wilton Centre; employed in town business; first representative to General Court; first justice of the peace; justice of court of common pleas; state councillor; moved to Andover; assisted Hon. Sam. Phillips in his business; trustee of Phillips Academy; moved, 1797, to Concord, N. H., and traded; represented Concord 3 yrs. in General Court; moved, 1802, to Brunswick, Me.; on board of overseers of Bowdoin Coll.; State Senator; d. in Brunswick. He m., 1767, Lydia Stevens, who d. June, 1821, aged 75 yrs. Children:

619. Lydia, b. and d. June 1, 1769.

620. Lydia, b. May 1, 1771; m. Thomas Russell of Temple, Me. See Russell gen. (**13**). Twelve ch.

621. Hannah, b. July 31, 1772; d. May 10, 1786.

622. Phebe, b. June 25, 1774; m. Benj. Abbot (**150**) of Temple, Me. Fourteen ch.

623. Jacob (**629**), b. Oct. 21, 1776.

624. Dorcas Hibbert, b. Sept. 6, 1778; d. Dec. 29, 1778.

625. Salva, b. Sept. 7, 1778; d. Sept. 15, 1778.

626. John S., b. Nov. 25, 1779; d. June 9, 1809; Harv. Coll., 1801.

627. Lucy, b. April 19, 1781; m. Rev. Daniel Campbell of Orford; n. ch.

628. Dorcas Hibbert, b. Feb. 21, 1784; d. Aug. 14, 1784.

629. JACOB (**623**), b. Oct. 21, 1776; d. A merchant in Concord, N. H., and Brunswick, Me., and a farmer at Weld and Farmington, Me. He m., April 8, 1798, Betsy Abbot. Among their children were Rev. Jacob Abbott, author of the Rollo Books, etc.; Rev. John S. C. Abbott, author of Life of Napoleon, etc.; Rev. Gorham D. Abbott, a noted teacher; Charles Edward Abbott, a teacher; and Rev. Samuel P. Abbott.

630. NATHANIEL (**607**), b. Sept. 26, 1751; d. March, 1791; shoemaker and farmer at Wilton; m., 1773, Sarah Stevens. Children:

631. Nathaniel, b. June 5, 1774; d. July 11, 1774.

632. Sarah, b. Oct. 12, 1775; m., Oct. 5, 1799, Abijah Keyes of Pelham, N. H. See Keyes gen. (**18**).

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633. Phebe; m. Ephraim Abbot of Brunswick, Me.
634. Dorcas, d. July 6, 1811.
635. Hannah.
636. Peter; settled in Bedford.
637. Nathaniel, b. Nov., 1791; settled in Bedford.

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638. JOSEPH (8), son of John (6), b. Dec. 29, 1676; d. Jan. 9, 1757; res. Andover, Mass.; m., 1722, Hannah Allen. Among his children was:
639. JOSEPH, lived with his father; m. Anna Peabody, who d. May 20, 1766. Among his children were:
640. Lydia, b. Oct. 23, 1753; d. Sept. 20, 1826; m. Maj. Samuel Lovejoy. See William Lovejoy gen. (5).
641. Joseph (642), b. Feb. 16, 1758.
642. JOSEPH (641), b. Feb. 16, 1758; d. 1835. He lived in Wilton for a time, but removed, about 1794, to Andover, Vt. He m., Dec. 30, 1784, Lucy King. See King gen. (2). Children:
643. Benning King, b. Dec. 29, 1785; res. Weston, Vt.; m. 1807; 5 ch.
644. Asa, b. March 30, 1788.
645. Luther, b. 1790; lived in Andover, Vt.; 6 ch.
646. Lucy, b. 1793.
647. Sally, b. 1796.
648. Betsy, b. 1799.

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649. STEPHEN (9), son of John (6), b. March 16, 1678; d. May 27, 1766; res. Andover, Mass.; m., 1708, Sarah Stevens, who d. Jan., 1751, aged 69. Among their children was:
650. STEPHEN, b. 1709; d. Nov., 1768; m., 1743, Mary Abbot. Among their children was:
651. GEORGE, b. June 13, 1756; d. Nov., 1829; lived in Wilton and Salem; m., 1779, Rebecca Blanchard. Children:
652. Samuel, b. Nov. 2, 1779.
653. Rebecca, b. June 17, 1781; d. Feb. 10, 1801.
654. Sarah Stevens, b. June 12, 1783; m. Gen. David Putnam of Salem.
655. George, b. July 17, 1785.
656. Ephraim, b. Sept. 27, 1787; d., Zanesville, O., 1822; m. Sarah Cheever.
657. Elizabeth Kneeland, b. Dec. 29, 1789.
658. Stephen, b. April 2, 1792; d. 1800.
659. Marah, b. Aug. 11, 1794; m. Nathan Putnam.

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660. BARACHIAS (12), son of John (10), b. May 14, 1707; d. Oct. 2, 1784. Res. Andover, Mass. He m., 1733, Hannah Holt, who d. Aug. 2, 1775. Of twelve children the three named below settled in Wilton:
661. Hannah, b. May 29, 1737; d. Nov., 1812; m., April 21, 1756, Jeremiah Holt. See Holt gen. (74).
662. Barachias (664), b. June 2, 1739.

663. Timothy, b. June 3, 1747; killed, March 30, 1772, by a fall in Maj. Abiel Abbot's barn.

664. BARACHIAS (**662**), b. June 2, 1739; d. Jan. 29, 1812. Removed to Wilton, 1786, and settled on a farm which had been previously cleared and carried on for several years by hiring labor. He m. Sarah Holt, who was b. March 18, 1747. Children:

665. Barachias (**672**), b. Dec. 20, 1771.

666. Timothy (**685**), b. March 20, 1773.

667. Joel, b. April 29, 1775; d. May 7, 1775.

668. Joel (**700**), b. Oct. 6, 1776.

669. Sarah, b. Oct. 10, 1779; d. Oct. 19, 1858.

670. James (**716**), b. May 30, 1780.

671. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 14, 1784; d. April 5, 1854.

672. BARACHIAS (**665**), b. Dec. 20, 1771; settled at Landgrove, Vt.; m., Jan. 18, 1798, Anna Colburn at Temple. Children:

673. Anna, b. March 18, 1799; m. A. Lawrence of Peru, Vt.

674. Cynthia, b. Jan. 25, 1801; d. Oct., 1841; m. C. W. Thomas of Peru.

675. Elias, b. May 2, 1802; m. Mary Holt.

676. Daniel, b. Aug. 17, 1803; d. July 12, 1828.

677. Eunice, b. Jan. 21, 1805; m. George Chase.

678. Nathan, b. Oct. 10, 1807; m. Phebe Brown.

679. Lydia, b. Oct. 10, 1809; m. E. G. Chase.

680. Sarah, b. May 4, 1811; d. Sept., 1835.

681. Hannah, b. July 12, 1813; d. Oct. 19, 1829.

682. Mehitabel, b. June 25, 1815; d. March, 1835.

683. Timothy, b. and d. 1817.

684. James, b. July 26, 1818.

685. TIMOTHY (**666**), b. March 20, 1773; d. Jan. 1, 1837; lived with his father; m. Polly Bancroft, who d. Feb., 1852. Children:

686. Kendall Bancroft, b. Feb. 5, 1803; saddler and farmer at Montague, Mass.; m. Harriet Severance; 2 ch.

687. James Holt, b. March 31, 1804; d. Sept. 19, 1804.

688. James Holt, b. July 6, 1805; d., Montague, Dec., 1830.

689. Son, b. and d. March, 1807.

690. Henry (**693**), b. Aug. 7, 1808.

691. Mary, b. Nov. 6, 1810; d. Nov. 23, 1866.

692. Timothy, b. Dec. 7, 1814; d. May 10, 1816.

693. HENRY (**690**), b. Aug. 7, 1808; res. in Wilton, Chelmsford, Amherst, Mass., and Lowell; m. Caroline Abbot (**423**), who was b. Oct. 1, 1811, and d. Oct. 6, 1852; m., 2d, April 19, 1854, Mrs. Nancy (Abbot) Hayward, sister of his first wife. Children:

694. Ellen, b. Nov. 2, 1833; d. Nov. 15, 1833.

695. Albert Harrison, b. July 1, 1835; d. Nov. 5, 1836.

696. Albert Henry, b. June 28, 1837.

697. James Horace, b. March 26, 1841.

698. Emily Caroline, b. Feb. 18, 1843; d. March 7, 1854.

699. William Garrison, b. June 27, 1846; d. Dec. 16, 1863.

700. JOEL (**668**), b. Oct. 6, 1776; d. March 26, 1863; carpenter and farmer; a justice of the peace; m., March 24, 1803, Judith Ray Batchelder, who d. May 1, 1855. See Batchelder gen. (**11**). Children:

701. Fanny, b. July 25, 1804; d. May 25, 1849.

702. John (**708**), b. July 30, 1805.

703. Rebekah Jane, b. Aug. 5, 1807; d. Aug. 28, 1864.

704. James Madison, b. May 30, 1810; d. July 5, 1837.

705. Hannah, b. Sept. 9, 1812; d. Aug. 15, 1813.

706. George Clinton, b. Oct. 30, 1817; d. Feb. 3, 1839.

707. Harvey L. (**712**), b. Dec. 23, 1823.

708. JOHN (**702**), b. July 30, 1805; d. May 10, 1848; m. Sally Brown of So. Reading, Mass., who d. April 11, 1840. Children:

709. Eliza Brown.

710. John Byron, b. 1833; d. Nov. 5, 1851.

711. Irving.

712. HARVEY LAFAYETTE (**707**), b. Dec. 23, 1823; m., July 4, 1856, Mrs. Amanda Louise (Wilson) Livingston, who was b. April 12, 1829. Children:

713. William Lafayette, b. April 23, 1857; d. April 19, 1885.

714. Jennie Louise, b. Oct. 12, 1859; m., Jan. 4, 1888, David Manning Potter, who was b. in Nova Scotia, June 14, 1866.

715. George Edmund, b. Oct. 12, 1861.

716. JAMES (**670**), b. May 30, 1780; d. Oct., 1858; lived in Andover, Mass.; m. Mary Foster. Children:

717. Mary, b. Nov. 4, 1810; d. Aug., 1857.

718. James Holt, b. Sept. 11, 1812.

719. Sarah, b. July 23, 1814.

720. Barachias H., b. July 24, 1816.

721. Dorcas, b. June 14, 1818.

722. Phebe Elizabeth, b. Nov. 2, 1820.

723. Timothy, b. Aug. 13, 1823.

724. Hannah, b. Feb. 28, 1826.

ADDITIONAL GENEALOGIES.

We have not obtained the genealogies of several families, who either have been in the past, or are now, residents of Wilton. This applies especially to the early settlers. It also applies to families of the factory operatives, to some transient residents, and to some who have removed from town. It still further may apply to some established families of citizens, who, owing to our neglect or their own, have not been enrolled in our genealogical catalogue. We

early issued a printed card, and after that a circular, calling upon all to communicate their family record or genealogy. We had hoped they would do so without further entreaty.

BAILEY FAMILY.

This family lived in the southwest part of the town, near the Goldsmith place, in a one-story house, which has long since been taken down. One dau. is remembered by the name of Hitty.

DILLON FAMILY.

1. THOMAS H. DILLON came with his father's family to Wilton, and was engaged several years in trade at East Wilton. He had several brothers, William, John, and others, whose names we have not ascertained, and one sister. He m. Anna Woodbridge. He has res. in several places; Washington, D. C., Waterbury, Conn., Meadville, Penn., but at present is in the grocery business in Nashua. He has one dau., Alice M. William Dillon and Michael A. Dillon were in the army in the late war.

DOE FAMILY.

1. GEORGE I. DOE and wife reside in the north part of Wilton on a model place, of which an illustration is given in this volume. Mr. Doe was selectman from 1885 to 1887.

HASKELL FAMILY.

1. HASKELL & WHITNEY was a familiar firm for many years before Joseph Newell came to town. Mr. Haskell m. and had several children. After the death of his first wife he m. a second wife, who d. soon after marriage. He removed from Wilton to Fitchburg.

HAYWARD FAMILY.

1. NEHEMIAH HAYWARD came to Wilton as a trader about 1820, and occupied the premises in Wilton Centre where is now the home of Mr. George A. Newell. He afterwards lived on the farm just this side of Pine valley. The children were: Nehemiah, Lucretia, Jonas, Rebecca and George, if our memory does not fail us. All the family long ago removed from town. George m. a Miss Abbot of Wilton. Lucretia m. a Mr. Blanchard and res. in Milford, O. Some of the children lived in Baltimore. We have not been able to trace them farther.

QUADE FAMILY.

1. LORENZO QUADE, b. March 13, 1830, son of Samuel Quade of Hollis. He came to Wilton in Sept., 1872, as a freight agent of the Boston & Lowell Railroad. He m., Jan. 24, 1855, Ellen M. Patch of Hollis. Child:

2. Charles L., b. Hollis, Dec. 11, 1856; d. Nov. 30, 1872.

STICKNEY FAMILY.

1. HENRY STICKNEY and wife live at the East village. She is engaged in the dress-making business.

WHITNEY FAMILY.

1. PLINY WHITNEY was a trader in company with Mr. Haskell at Wilton Centre for several years. He afterwards removed to Milford, where he m. and had several children. He d. many years ago.

WINN FAMILY.

This family lived at West Wilton, but we have no record of its members. They long ago left town.

WOODBRIDGE FAMILY.

1. SAMUEL WOODBRIDGE lived in the house in Wilton Centre formerly the home of Dr. Timothy Parkhurst. Mr. Woodbridge d. many years ago, but his widow resides with her brother in Mass. Their dau. Anna m. Thomas H. Dillon and res. in Nashua. They have one dau., Alice M.

APPENDIX I.

(*See Page 108.*)

In the extract from the Revolutionary War Rolls, given below, Mr. Hammond gives some account of the measures taken by the state of New Hampshire to check the advance of General Burgoyne:

In consequence of the evacuation of Ticonderoga by the Americans, and the southerly movement of the British force under Burgoyne threatening the subjugation of New England, the Committee of Safety of this state decided, on the 14th of July, 1777, to call the Legislature together for consultation, and accordingly sent notices to the members, requesting them to meet on the 17th of that month. In answer to the summons, the Council and House of Representatives met on the day appointed and immediately resolved themselves into a committee of the whole to join the Committee of Safety for a conference.

The state was at that time destitute of money and means, and had done all that the citizens generally supposed it could do in furnishing troops; but the alternative was before them of assisting to check the advance of Burgoyne's army by sending a force to Vermont, or of having the battle-field of the future transferred to their own territory. On the second day of this special session the committee of the whole recommended that the militia of the state be divided into two brigades, the first to comprise the regiments in the eastern portion of the state and to be under the command of Brigadier-General William Whipple; the second to comprise those in the western portion of the state and to be under the command of Brigadier-General John Stark. The committee also recommended that four companies of rangers be raised in the second brigade to scout on the frontiers, under the orders of General Stark. These recommendations were adopted by the Legislature the same day. Letters from Ira Allen, secretary of the Council of Safety of Vermont, earnestly entreating that troops be sent to their assistance, were then read in committee of the whole, of which Meshech Weare was chairman. The matter of furnishing men was fully discussed, and it was generally conceded that the exigency of the occasion required the raising and forwarding of a portion of the militia at once. The main question was as to obtaining money to pay and equip them. The treasury of the state was empty, and no way of replenishing it presented itself until the patriotic John Langdon arose,

and said: "I have one thousand dollars* in hard money. I will pledge my plate for three thousand more. I have seventy hogsheads of Tobago rum, which I will sell for the most it will bring. They are at the service of the state. If we succeed in defending our firesides and our homes, I may be remunerated. If we do not, then the property will be of no value to me. Our friend Stark, who so nobly maintained the honor of our state at Bunker Hill, may safely be entrusted with the honor of the enterprise, and we will check the progress of Burgoyne." This patriotic offer was received with enthusiasm, and the Legislature at once voted that one-fourth of Stark's brigade and one-fourth of Thornton's, Badger's and Webster's regiments of General Whipple's brigade be drafted and marched immediately for the defence of this and the neighboring states. This force was to be under the command of General Stark, who accepted the commission with the understanding that he was to exercise his own judgment in the management of his troops, and be accountable to and take orders from the authorities of New Hampshire, and no other. A draft was unnecessary; men enlisted with alacrity, and were forwarded to Charlestown (No. 4) by detachments, that place having been designated for rendezvous. As soon as five hundred men had arrived in Charlestown the impetuous Stark moved on with them to Manchester, Vt., leaving orders for others to follow. They reached the place August 7th, were reinforced by some of the "Green Mountain Boys," and received information of the intention of the enemy to capture the stores at Bennington. Gen. Stark pressed forward and reached that town on the 9th, accompanied by Col. Seth Warner. The battle occurred on the 16th, and the result, as is well known, cheered and encouraged the Americans, disheartened the enemy, and led to the surrender of Burgoyne's army at Saratoga on the 17th of October following.

APPENDIX II.

ECCLESIASTICAL PROCEEDINGS.

In the following extract, taken from the town records, those churches are specified which were to assist in the services held at the ordination of Rev. Jonathan Livermore. See page 130:

It was voted that Wednesday, the 14th of December [1763], shall be the day of the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Livermore.

It was voted to send to the following churches to assist in the ordination of Mr. Livermore: Mr. Livermore nominated the first church in Lancaster, the first and second churches in Westborough and the church in Billerica. The town nominated the church of Amherst, the church of

*Some historians say three thousand dollars.

Hollis, the church of Pepperell, the church of Townsend and the church of Ipswich in this Province.

COVENANT.

The following is the covenant of the First Congregational Church, used by Rev. Jonathan Livermore, 1763–1777, and referred to on page 133:

You now solemnly and publicly give up yourself to God in an everlasting covenant; avouching the Lord Jehovah to be your God, the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Saviour and the Holy Spirit to be your sanctifier.

You promise to take the holy Word of God for the man of your counsel, declaring that you fix your hopes and expectations on the promises, and, through divine grace enabling you, you will live according to the instructions therein exhibited, obeying all the precepts and complying with all the ordinances therein enjoined.

You enter particularly into covenant with this church, engaging to hold communion with it in all the ordinances of the Gospel, especially baptism and the Lord's supper, and promise to submit to its discipline, wherein it observes the laws of Christianity given by Christ and His Apostles, and, as far as God shall enable you, you will live in the constant practice of all Christian duties, secret, private, public and social; that you will love God, honor the King and do good to all men, especially to the household of faith.

I promise in the name of the church that we will watch over you, not for your halting, but for your edification and comfort, praying that we and you may be built up together a spiritual house, and may offer spiritual sacrifices holy and acceptable to God, and that we may finally meet together in His heavenly kingdom.

APPENDIX III.

SONG AT THE CENTENNIAL, 1839.

The following song was composed by Miss Sarah W. Livermore, as descriptive of the manners and customs of the early time, and was sung Sept. 25, 1839, at the Centennial celebration of the settlement of the town, by Solomon K. Livermore, Esq., of Milford:

I.

This town was all a forest deep
One hundred years ago, sir,
The vales were low, the hills were steep,
And rivers wandered through, sir.

A few brave men, a pilgrim band,
Sought this far-off location;—
They saw it was a goodly land,
And here they fixed their station.

CHORUS:

Yankee Doodle, here's the place,
Yankee Doodle Dandy.
We like the right old-fashioned ways,
They are so good and handy.

II.

From time to time the settlers came,
And many a spot was built on;
At length the town must have a name,
And so they called it Wilton.
Now wake the harp, and tune the lyre,
To sing of ancient days, sir;
This rural theme the song inspire
To sound old Wilton's praise, sir.

CHORUS: Yankee Doodle, &c.

III.

Those good old days our fathers saw
Has fashion strangely altered;
From customs good, which then were law,
Have many widely faltered;
The aged now remember when
All country folks must labor,
And all who lived around were then
To all a friend and neighbor.

CHORUS:

Yankee Doodle, this was right,
Yankee Doodle Dandy.
It helped to make the labor light
When neighbors were so handy.

IV.

In homespun were the people dressed,
Of woolen, tow or linen;
Their Sunday suits, which were the best,
Were neatly made by women.

And women then could wash and bake,
  And also were good spinners;
The maids could ply the hoe and rake,
  While matrons cooked the dinners.

CHORUS: Yankee Doodle, &c.

V.

No draught from China's sultry land
  At morning meals was seen, sir;
The black cow * gave a beverage bland,
  Few drank tea, black or green, sir;
And coffee was not tasted then,
  To make their cares seem lighter,
Although 'tis true that most good men
  Thought rum would make them brighter.

CHORUS:

Yankee Doodle, here we meet,
  Yankee Doodle Dandy,
With goodly cheer our friends to greet,
  But not with rum and brandy.

VI.

Our fathers raised a house of prayer,
  When few there were to build it,
And every Sabbath, foul or fair,
  The people nobly filled it;
To meeting went both young and old,
  'Twas then but little trouble,
For none would keep a horse, we're told,
  That could not carry double.

CHORUS: Yankee Doodle, &c.

VII.

So all on horse-back then did ride,
  Unless they went by sledding,†
And e'en the bridegroom and the bride
  Rode double to the wedding.‡

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* The milk of the black cow was a quaint name for bean porridge.

† Sleighs were not in use; people rode to meeting in winter on sleds.

‡ It was the custom for the bride to ride behind the bridegroom to the minister's house where the ceremony was performed.

And though the girls, we're told 'tis true,
Could not then dance cotillons,
We know that all the country through
They used to ride on pillions.

CHORUS:

Yankee Doodle, all could dance,
Yankee Doodle Dandy,
No master then was brought from France
To make them skip more handy.

VIII.

And now the times we say improve,
And learning is more plenty;
At railroad pace the people move,
And when they're five and twenty
They've gone the rounds of learned lore,
Are fit for any station;
Then quickly pass, are seen no more,
And thus goes on the nation.

CHORUS: Yankee Doodle, &c.

IX.

This season be a landmark strong,
To guide us on our way, sir,
And as we pass through life along,
Let us not go astray, sir;
To good old days we'll bid adieu,
And so we'll travel on, sir;
We'll wish for all, good hearts and true,
And will wind up our song, sir.

CHORUS:

Yankee Doodle, let us sing,
Yankee Doodle Dandy,
Old time is ever on the wing,
Improve it while it's handy.

APPENDIX IV.

The freshet, which is recorded on page 187, cost Wilton at least $60,000. The consideration which the town received was not, as was there stated, in the form of a remission of *taxes*. But it was

effected in the following way: Hon. Chas. H. Burns, looking up an old statute law, saw a provision was made for such public losses, and he brought a suit, by which Wilton should be paid a bonus for her great losses. It was on the principle that in the case of great public calamities, the burden should be borne not by one member of the commonwealth, but should be shared by all. The case was appealed from the Court of Common Pleas to the Supreme Bench of the state. The suit was considered by many as a very absurd one, much ridicule was expended upon it, and Mr. Burns was even appealed to by the authorities of the town to withdraw it from further action, lest it should entail a bill of expense. Whereupon he promised to assume all risks, and was eventually sustained by the decision of the supreme judges, and ten thousand dollars was paid Wilton from the county treasury.

ADDITIONAL GENEALOGIES.

BAKER FAMILY.

1. BENJAMIN BAKER came to Wilton and lived in the Rockwood house, which he purchased. He removed from here to Boston, where he d. While in Wilton he represented the town for a year or more in the State Legislature, and was a prominent member of the Unitarian Society at Wilton. His first wife d. and he m. a second wife. He had two or three children, but we have not ascertained their names.

BLANCHARD FAMILY.

The item "**66,** Hannah," on page 320, should read as follows:

66. Hannah, b. Jan. 18, 1815; m., July 20, 1858, Lyman Morse of Boston, who was b. July 25, 1806, and d. Aug. 28, 1875. She res. in Wilton.

The following account of the children and grandchildren of Isaac (**76**) is more correct than that given on page 321:

77. Eliza Ann (**84**), b. Sept. 1, 1838.
78. Albert Osgood, b. Aug. 3, 1840; d. Sept. 20, 1865.
79. Henry Newton (**87**), b. Aug. 26, 1842.
80. Charles Frederic, b. Jan. 28, 1845; m., Oct. 7, 1868, Nellie A. Eaton. Apothecary, Lowell, Mass.
81. Frank Clark (**90**), b. Dec. 1, 1847.
82. Clara Frances, b. Dec. 28, 1850; d. Feb. 6, 1870.
83. William Herbert, b. Feb. 11, 1856.
84. ELIZA ANN (**77**), b. Sept. 1, 1838; m., 1857, Oliver Whiting Blood; m., 2d, Nov. 29, 1864, Charles F. Barrett. Children:
85. Fannie Louise (Blood), b. Dec. 16, 1860.
86. Walter Kimball (Barrett), b. Nov. 23, 1866.
87. HENRY NEWTON (**79**), b. Aug. 26, 1842; m., Dec. 17, 1868, Nancy Helen Burton. See Burton gen. (**87**). Children:
88. Isaac Henry, b. April 15, 1872.
89. Benjamin Herbert, b. Dec. 28, 1876; d. Aug. 5, 1888.
90. FRANK CLARK (**81**), b. Dec. 1, 1847; m., March 6, 1879, Abbie Jane Melendy. See Melendy gen. (**14**). Child:
91. Ernest Frank, b. May 22, 1881.

FOSTER FAMILY.

1. NEWELL D. FOSTER lives in East Wilton, in a fine house, with highly ornamented grounds. He has been engaged in the tin business. He has been m. twice, and had three children by his first wife, and two by his second wife.

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1. S. KIMBALL FOSTER, brother of the above Newell D. Foster, does business at East Wilton as a tinman. He m. Mrs. Hattie E. (Hood) Needham. Children:

2. Warren E., b. July 1, 1867. Works with his father.
3. E. Scott, b. Jan., 1869.
4. Fred. K., b. Dec., 1871.
5. Hattie L., b. Feb. 25, 1875.

MAY FAMILY.

1. CHARLES C. MAY lives on the Chamberlain place, in the house built by Samuel Smith. He has been engaged in farming. He is m., and his wife by a previous marriage has two children, a son and a daughter.

STOCKWELL FAMILY.

1. ELIJAH STOCKWELL carried on a tannery for many years near the Vale End Cemetery. He m. Anna Herrick, who was b. Dec. 6, 1790; n. ch. See Herrick gen. (**64**).

TREVITT FAMILY.

1. HENRY TREVITT came to Wilton Jan. 1, 1866; is a druggist on Main Street. He m., Jan. 27, 1874, Nellie W. Benedict of Boston. Children:

2. Carita, b. Sept. 25, 1875.
3. Lotta Theresa, b. Jan. 3, 1879.
4. Harry, b. May 3, 1881.
5. Lillian, b. May 21, 1883.

MRS. LUCINDA (SAWTELLE) FLETCHER.

Mrs. Lucinda (Sawtelle) Fletcher, b., Wilton, Aug. 29, 1788. She m., when 21, Jonas Fletcher of Chester, Vt., and had eleven children, nine sons and two daughters. She celebrated her hundredth birthday, Aug. 29, 1888, at Springfield, Vt. "She is well preserved, has all her faculties, and her mind and memory are clear and strong. At her reception at the church she stood erect, and spoke to the audience and to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and did not appear to be more than 75 or 80 years of age."

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

PAGE.

3. Tenth line from top, read *Hesselton* for Haselton.
7. Eighth line from bottom, *Theron* Russell for Thomas Russell.
9. Fourteenth line from top, *15* and *16* for 16 and 17.
11. Eighth line from bottom, *Hesselton* for Haselton.
20. Fourth line from top, *Fort Edward* for Fort William Henry.
20. Fifth line, leave out the words *under General Montcalm.*
31. First line at top, *thirty-six* for six.
42. Seventh line from top, *April 12* for April 3.
50. Nineteenth line from bottom, *42*, *46*, *47*, *48*, for 42–48.
51. Sixteenth line from bottom, *'85* after 1874–79, and in the column of years of service, *7* for 6.
53. Third line from top, *Fleeman* for Freeman.
73. Sixteenth line from top, *Whitney* for Whiting.
73. Twenty-fifth line from top, *Taylor* for Whitney.
77. Fifth line from top, *Whitney* for Whiting.
86. Sixth line from top, *Whitney* for Whiting.
88. Fourteenth line from bottom, *Buxton* for Burton.
93. Twenty-third line from top, *Honey* for Hovey.
102. First line at bottom, *1881* for 1851.
116. Seventeenth line from top, *Holland* for Howland.
135. Twelfth line from bottom, *Willmarth* for Wilmoth.
136. Fourth line from top, *Willmarth* for Wilmoth.
141. Eleventh line from top, *clock* for bell.
150. Twenty-first line from top, *court* for peace.
153. Twenty-first line from top, in the list of grad. of Dartmouth College, add *Charles Francis King*, *1867.*
153. Seventeenth line from bottom, add *Kitty A. Gage*, grad. at the Boston University, 1878, and received the degree of A. M. at Cornell University, 1885.

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185. Sixteenth line from top, *Harvey Putnam* for Henry Putnam.

187. Thirteenth and fourteenth lines from bottom, see correction in Appendix IV.

192. Second line from top, *Mr. Stephen Mansur* for Mrs. Stephen Mansur.

197. Third and fourth lines from top, *June 24, 1786*, for December 27, 1772.

208. After eighth line from top, add *James Gould and Benjamin F. George, May 2, 1861. Mustered out August 9, 1861.*

208. After twentieth line from bottom, add *Michael A. Dillon, June 5, 1861. Severely wounded August 29, 1862. Discharged October 18, 1862.*

209. From Charles H. Buzzell, twentieth line from top, to Edward A. Wetherbee, thirtieth line, read *August 31, 1862*, for August 31, 1861.

229. Third and fourth lines from top, *P. Ring* for P. R. Ring.

229. Fifth line, add *Eli J. Curtis also keeps a livery stable.*

236. Fourteenth line from bottom, *fourth* for second.

237. Twelfth line from bottom, *Isaac* for David.

238. Twelfth line from top, *resident* for native.

320. Eighth and ninth lines from bottom, *He d. Aug. 28, 1875*, for She d. July 20, 1885.

321. For corrections on this page see "Additional Genealogies" on page 565.

342. Eighth line from top, *March 1* for May 10.

343. Fourteenth line from bottom, *Mr. Doe's* for Mrs. Doe's.

349. Fourteenth line from bottom, *she m. 1814* for she m.

362. Sixth line from bottom, *Hosea* for Horace.

380. Nineteenth line from top, *Eliza* for Elijah.

385. Fifth line from top, *Milford* for Medford.

391. Second line from top, *two* for one.

392. Fifth and sixth lines from top, *George Hartshorn* for George M. Hartshorn.

398. Thirteenth line from top, *1779* for 1799.

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444. Sixth line from top, *West Manchester* for East Manchester.
445. Twenty-fourth line from bottom, *George W. Hawkins* for Charles Hawkins.
468. Fourteenth line from bottom, *clock* for bell.
474. Fourteenth line from top, *formerly* for now.
487. Fourteenth line from top, *He d.* for who d.
487. Twentieth line, add *Eva Heath, b. Aug. 31, 1884. See Gray gen.* (*123*).
505. Twentieth line from top, child *of* second wife for child by second wife.

FURTHER CORRECTIONS.

PAGE.

271. Twentieth line from top, read "they had a family of *eleven* children, of whom *ten* were married."
289. Ninth line from top, read *third* for thirtieth; the note at the bottom of the page is incorrect.
483. Eighth line from top, *May 29* for June 29.
486. Sixth line from bottom, *Barley* for Basley.
495. Fourteenth line from bottom, read *N. Y.* for Vt.
503. Thirteenth line from bottom, *1811* for 1801.
520. Seventh line from bottom, *John* Bragg for Jonathan.
531. Sixth line from top, *Anne* T. G. Emery for Anna.

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